

THE GRANT CONNECTION

Spring Break is gone! Daylight Saving Time has begun! FCAT is here! We are in the home stretch! I know we are winding down and ready to exhale, but here are a few grant sources worth mentioning again and a few new ones. Feel free to contact this office if we can help.

Also, just a reminder that if your school is writing grants, please make sure that a Grant Application Form is completed and sent back to the School Support Center. Please let us know how we can help you apply for any of these sources. Feel free to give us a call if you need help with a proposal or need a specific funding source. We are here to help!



As always, thanks for all that you do!

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“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.” ~ Babe Ruth

BOOKS

SNAPDRAGON BOOK FOUNDATION

Purpose: “To foster children’s literacy by providing financial grants to school libraries serving disadvantaged youth.” Grants fund libraries, symposiums, book clubs, etc.

Eligibility: All K-12 private, public, charter, and experimental schools can apply.

Amount: \$500 - \$2,000. Last year only (8) were funded.

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Contact: <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/index/Apply.html>

Note: Provide our website to confirm you are part of the School District of Manatee County for the “proof” section of the application. Also, take a look at the website for ideas. Funding is limited and past awards went to unique programs that served high-risk and disadvantaged students.

CLASSROOM FUNDING

ING UNSUNG HEROES

Purpose: Grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods/techniques to improve learning. Each project is judged on its innovation, creativity, and ability to positively influence students.

Eligibility: K-12 educators employed full-time by an accredited public or private school.

Amount: \$2,000 to \$25,000 each; (100) educators will receive \$2,000. The top three will receive additional awards.

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Contact: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

ELMER’S TEACHER TOOL KIT

Purpose: To provide teachers with the means to replicate projects found in the [Elmer’s Teacher Tool Kit catalog](#) in their own classrooms.

Eligibility: K-12 certified teachers teaching in the subject of the project at public, private, or charter schools.

Amount: \$100 – 500.

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Contact: http://kinf.org/elmers/2011_application.php

Note: Special consideration will be given to first year teachers.

ENVIRONMENT

CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION

Purpose: To encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

Eligibility: Public/private schools elementary through high school.

Awards: The range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250 to \$2,500.

Deadline: 6/30, 9/30, & 12/31

Contact: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=16> for a grant application.

THE DONALD SAMULL CLASSROOM HERB GARDEN GRANT

Purpose: Public and/or private 3rd through 6th grade teachers, with classes of a minimum of 15 students may apply for an indoor or an outdoor herb garden grant. The classrooms selected will receive four (4) Prepara® Power Plant pro gardening station is all that is needed to grow herbs indoors. Each gardening station will include the unit, grow sponge, nutrient, seeds and the grow lamp. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials.

Amount: Four schools/classrooms to receive \$200 “Seed Money” to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc.

Deadline: September 1, 2011

Contact: <http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html>

LITERACY

TARGET: EARLY CHILDHOOD READING GRANTS

Purpose: Grants to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs – anything to encourage young children, preschool through 3rd grade, to read with their families.

Awards: \$2,000

Deadline: Online applications will be accepted between **March 1 - April 30**, with notification in September.

Contact: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION

Purpose: Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

Awards: Maximum grant amount \$3,000.

Deadline: May 18, 2011

Contact:

http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=3107&x_quiz_id=2603&x_order_by=1

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

LEMELSON-MIT INVEN TEAMS HIGH SCHOOL INVENTION GRANTS

Purpose: The InvenTeam initiative is designed to excite high school students about invention through science, technology, engineering, and math; empower students through problem solving; and encourage an inventive culture in schools and communities.

Awards: Grants up to \$10,000

Deadline: April 22, 2011

Contact: <http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/apply.html>

THE 2011 SAMSUNG GRANT COMPETITION

Purpose: The 2011 Samsung Grant Competition invites K-12 teachers to describe, in 300 words or less, if they believe that new technology in the classroom helps (or hinders) student achievement.

Awards: Samsung will award SAMCAM 860 Document cameras to 50 educators who submit the winning entries, based on need and quality of response.

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Contact: <http://samsunggrants.com/essay.html>

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION – NEW DATE!

Purpose: To support programs reflecting the basic philosophies of Honda companies. Programs should be creative, scientific, innovative, and humanistic. Honda supports youth education with a specific focus on STEM in addition to the environment, job training, and literacy.

Amount: \$20,000 - \$60,000 over a one-year period.

Deadline: May 1, 2011 is the next submission deadline for an August 2011 award. (Quarterly submissions)

Contact: Proposals should be submitted online. <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Note: The website lists past grant recipients, future deadlines, and Honda’s Report of Giving.