

THE GRANT CONNECTION

Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful holiday season. Take a deep breath as we begin the second half of the year. Thank you for all that you do to make our children's lives brighter. You are greatly appreciated and you are making a difference. To kick-off 2012, below are a few grant sources to look into. Feel free to contact us if we can help.



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LITERACY & ACADEMICS & ACHIEVEMENT

DOLLAR GENERAL YOUTH LITERACY GRANTS

Purpose: Youth Literacy Grants for literacy programs.

Eligibility: Schools, public libraries and nonprofit organizations.

Amount: Not listed yet.

Deadline: Applications will be available January 2012.

Contact: http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx

Look at the website for additional grant opportunities.

GENERAL EDUCATION

MANATEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MCF)

Purpose: Supporting early childhood development, primary education through completion of high school and preparation for employment. See website for further information.

Awards: Maximum amount \$2,500.00.

Deadline: Applications are accepted starting in January of each year.

Contact: <http://www.manateecf.org/Grants/GrantApplications.aspx>

Note: Use the School Application Format.

ART & LIBRARY

THE LESLIE AND MARGARET WELLER ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Purpose: To support arts education projects that address national, state and district standards for arts education. Proposals may focus on classroom OR school-wide projects that develop innovative approaches to arts in education, etc. Proposals should emphasize how students will grow in knowledge and skills, as well as connections with the district curriculum. Proposals may include requests for supplies and materials (e.g. art supplies, new instruments, textbooks, computers or instrument maintenance). See website for additional information.

Eligibility: Public/private schools and accredited home school associations serving Pre-K through 8th grade.

Awards: Up to \$5,000.00.

Deadline: February 10, 2012.

Contact: <https://www.cfsarasota.org/Grants/OtherGrantOpportunities/tabid/74/Default.aspx>

SEVERAL MANATEE SCHOOLS RECEIVED THIS LAST YEAR!

HEALTH

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

Purpose: Fuel Up to Play 60 uses the power of collaboration to help make everyone at the school healthier by fueling up with nutrient-rich foods and being active for 60 minutes or more a day.

Eligibility: See website for requirements.

Awards: Up to \$4,000.00.

Contact: http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php

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