

## WELCOME TO THE MONTHLY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

Here are a few upcoming opportunities, free resources, and award programs. If your school is writing grants, please make sure that the Grant Application Form is completed and sent back. It is critical to know what everyone is doing so that we can build upon existing grant opportunities, and learn about successful programs and grant applications. Thank you for all that you are doing for our students!

– Melissa Schwab, Grant Resource Specialist, ph: 708-8770 ext. 2226



**Calvin: You can't just turn on creativity like a faucet. You have to be in the right mood.**

**Hobbes: What mood is that?**

**Calvin: Last-minute panic.**

### EDUCATION

#### THE LITERACY EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION (LEF)/MATCHING BOOK GRANT PROGRAM

**Purpose:** Matching grants available for guided and independent reading collections.

**Awards:** Up to \$40,000 worth of books for \$20,000.

**Deadline:** March 31, 2010

**Contact:** [http://www.lefbooks.org/matching\\_book\\_grants/](http://www.lefbooks.org/matching_book_grants/)

#### RGK FOUNDATION

**Purpose:** Funds K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, and literacy. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Web site as the first step.

**Awards:** The average grant is \$25,000 with only one Letter of Inquiry per organization in a twelve-month period.

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Contact:** <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/>

#### WILBOOKS

**Purpose:** Wilbooks has several programs for various free books.

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Contact:** <http://www.wilbooks.com/freebooks/>

### TECHNOLOGY

#### DIGITAL WISH – ONGOING!! REGISTER TODAY!

**Purpose:** All teachers who submit a technology-based lesson plan on *Digital Wish* will be automatically entered to win as many as 43 technology grants!

**Awards:** Products worth \$300 - \$1,000

**Deadline:** On-going

**Contact:** <http://www.digitalwish.com> (On the website, go to "Teachers Get Started")

### AWARDS

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding math and science teachers working in grades K-6<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominees must:** have at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, be a full-time employee of the school/school district, teach at least 50% of the time, and have at least 5 years of full-time (K-12) teacher experience prior to the 2009-2010 academic school year. This is a one-time award. (*Self-nominations are encouraged!*)

**Award:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** April 1, 2010

**Contact:** <http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view>

### **BEST BUY @15 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM— February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!**

**What:** Scholarships for students in grades 9-12 who plan to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study upon high school graduation.

**Nominees must:** have solid grades, a record of volunteer involvement, and/or have a work history. Students must be planning to attend a college, university or technical school in the fall immediately following their high school graduation. Grants are a one-time award.

**How:** Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program Scholarship applications are available only to “@15 members”. Become a member for free on [at15.com](http://at15.com).

**Award:** 1,000 scholarships of \$1,000

**Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup> to earn 1,500 bonus points! February 15<sup>th</sup> is the final deadline.

**Contact:** [http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community\\_relations/scholarship.htm](http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm)

### **GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

#### **The Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Award Program**

**Purpose:** Reward the enterprising spirits of girls ages 12 to 18 who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship, are taking the first steps toward financial independence, and make a difference in their schools and communities.

**Nominees must:** be a female student between the ages of 12 and 18 as of 12/31/09, a legal U.S. resident, enrolled in middle school or high school, and nominated by an adult (parent, friend, counselor, teacher, etc.).

**Award:** \$1,000 - \$10,000, (15) awards. Funds to be used to further their entrepreneurial pursuits or save for college.

**Deadline:** February 26, 2010

**Contact:** [http://www.guardianlife.com/womens\\_channel/girls\\_going\\_places/girls\\_going\\_places.html](http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/girls_going_places.html)

### **ING UNSUNG HEROES® 2010 AWARDS**

**Purpose:** Fund innovative class projects. All awards must be used to further the projects within the school or school system. Indirect costs or administrative fees should not be paid or withheld from the grant award.

**Award:** Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 for their classroom initiative. Three of those winning educators are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2010

**Contact:** <http://www.ing-usa.com/us/stellent2/groups/dc/documents/companylobinformation/001143.pdf>  
*Congratulations to Frank Brunner, Manatee High School; a winner of the 2009 ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program for the "Gamble Plantation Historic Park Restoration Project".*

### **FREE SOURCES**

#### **FLORIDA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM, INC.**

**What:** Free classroom sets of the nutrition activity newspaper “Growing Up Healthy with Food from Florida” for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It teaches students about eating healthy with food grown in Florida.

**Contact:** <http://www.flagintheclassroom.com/index.html>

#### **SMITHSONIAN EDUCATION LESSON PLANS**

**What:** Free lesson plans in Art & Design, Science & Technology, History & Culture, and Language Arts.

**Contact:** <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/>

### **GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY**

- Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants/[www.dollargeneral.com/ServingOthers/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx](http://www.dollargeneral.com/ServingOthers/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx)
- HP Global Social investment/<http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/secondaryschools.html>