

THE GRANT CONNECTION

As the year comes to a close, here are a few grant opportunities that are just around the corner – and might help with next year's planning. All my best for a successful end of the year and a restful vacation. Thanks for all that you do for our children!



By the way, I will be here all summer...if you want to get together just let me know!

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Adult, Career & Technical Education Department (ACT) website:
<http://act.manateeschools.net/documents/grants/grant.html>
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“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

ENVIRONMENT

2010 SUBARU HEALTHY SPROUTS AWARD APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Purpose: The Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about our environment, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. Through winning programs, youth will learn the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and gain an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the well being of their community.

- ❖ To be eligible for the 2010 Healthy Sprouts Awards, your school or organization must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.

Amount: During 2010, 30 organizations will receive a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials, NGA's *Eat a Rainbow Kit* that includes nutrition lessons, and a literature package from The National Gardening Association.

Deadline: October 1, 2010.

Contact: <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/healthysprouts.asp>

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM)

TOSHIBA AMERICA FOUNDATION – GRANTS FOR GRADES 6TH – 12TH

Purpose: Toshiba America Foundation contributes to science & math education by investing in teacher-designed projects for 6th -12th grade students.

Amount: Two categories: small grants up to \$5,000.00 and larger grants.

Deadline: Projects \$5,000.00 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000.00 are due **August 2, 2010**.

Contact: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>

Not funded: Salaries, facility maintenance, textbooks, video production, audio-visual equipment (e.g. electronic white boards, document projectors) and education research. No grants are available for computer hardware.

Look at http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612_grants.jsp for project ideas.

Before submitting a completed proposal, teachers are encouraged to call the Toshiba America Foundation team to discuss their project ideas. To learn more about the application process and the Foundation's grant-making guidelines call 212-596-0620.

TEACHER GRANTS

KIDS IN NEED TEACHER GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications for 2010 Teacher Grants will be available July 15, 2010!

Purpose: Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to finance creative classroom projects and provide innovative learning opportunities for their students.

Amount: \$100.00 to \$500.00

Deadline: Applications will be available online from July 15 through September 30.

Contact: <http://www.kinf.org/grants/>

Notes: Teachers may fill out the application online at www.kinf.org **after July 15**. Check-out the website for information on how to write your grant. Typically, 200-300 grants are awarded each year – but get your application in early!!! Here are some winning programs...I know that Manatee's teachers can do even better!

- ❖ **Twilight Zone "Eye of the Beholder"** - This project consisted of remaking a Twilight Zone episode in its entirety from the original script. Students cast the drama, built the sets, designed and rigged the lighting and sound, applied the make-up, ran the cameras, edited the video tape, designed the titles and credits, and put on an event for the premiere showing of the completed video.
- ❖ **Charged Cars - Math in Motion** - Students designed and built a battery-operated vehicle with a wheelbase of 40 cm designed to be mathematically accurate to travel and stop at any designated point between 1 and 10 meters.

REMINDERS:

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SWFWMD) SPLASH! SCHOOL GRANTS

Purpose: The six categories in the Splash! school grant program are: water conservation, water quality, watersheds, alternative water sources, flood protection and natural systems. Grants are on a reimbursement basis only and are available to public, private and home school teachers, grades pre-K through 12. Teachers may apply individually or as a group.

Amount: \$5,000.00 (per school)

Deadline: September 10, 2010

Contact: Deadline for completed, signed applications to be submitted online at WaterMatters.org/schoolgrants or received at the SWFWMD, Attn: COM, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34604.

THE CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION

Purpose: Hands-on environmental learning projects for students ages 6-18. Include the themes of interaction, cooperation, problem solving, and adult supervision. There is a follow-up report required. This will not fund transportation, promotional items, salaries, or field trips that are not supplemented by a semester long lesson plan.

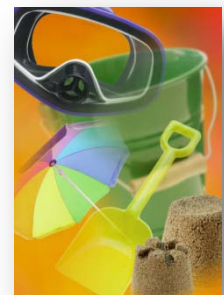
Awards: \$250.00 - \$2,500.00

Deadline: Deadlines for submitting grant applications are March 31, June 30, **September 30**, and December 31.

Contact: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3>

RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES:

- ❖ **Time for Kids** (Ages 7-11) - The latest news, brain games, and homework help are just a few of the things you'll find at this kid-friendly site. <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>
- ❖ **PBS Kids Sprout** - Find coloring pages, games, videos, and crafts...sproutonline.com
- ❖ **Between the Lions** (by PBS Kids) (Ages 3 and up) Word games for kids!
<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/>
- ❖ **Free Rice** - Give free rice to hungry people by playing a simple game... freerice.com



Have a great summer!