

WELCOME TO THE MONTHLY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

Happy Holidays! My name is Melissa Schwab and I am the new Grant Resource Specialist. I know that this is a busy time for everyone, but I wanted you to be aware of some of the wonderful opportunities that are coming up in January and February. From art and environmental learning projects to a new collection of books for your library – don't miss out!



Please free to call or email if you are interested in one of these sources and need more information. I am working with two very talented people specializing in writing and research and we are here to help! Even if you decide to write and submit the proposal on your own, please keep us updated on your progress. In the next week, I will be sending you a Grant Application Form for this purpose.

I look forward to working with each of you and thank you for all that you are doing to make the future brighter for our students. *Wishing you and your family all the best for a wonderful*

holiday and a joyous New Year! – Melissa Schwab, Grant Resource Specialist, ph: 708-8770 xt 2226

(More information is available online. Copy the link into your browser.)

ART & LIBRARY

THE LESLIE AND MARGARET WELLER ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Purpose: Classroom or school-wide art projects. See website for details. *Note: Proposals may include requests for consumable supplies and materials and they specifically list art supplies, new instruments, textbooks, reproductions, audio- or videotapes, slides, computers, software, CDs, sound-reproduction systems, or instrument maintenance.*

Awards: Up to \$5,000.00

Deadline: February 5, 2010

Contact: <https://www.cfsarasota.org/Grants/CompetitiveGrantmaking/tabid/291/Default.aspx>

WE THE PEOPLE BOOKSHELF

Purpose: School libraries (K-12) can apply for a full set of books that embody the theme "A More Perfect Union." Note: Libraries are required to organize programs that introduce the books and theme to the library's students and community. Programs should take place between May 1, 2010, and April 30, 2011.

Awards: A full set of books that embody "A More Perfect Union."

Deadline: January 29, 2010

Contact: http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf/guidelines.php#award_information

NATURE/ENVIRONMENT

LOWE'S TOOL BOX

Purpose: Project ideas: Reading Garden, Vegetable Garden, Physical Fitness Area, School Landscaping Project or Nature Trail, Playground, Student Art Exhibit, etc. (see website for details) Grant money cannot be used to pay for memorials, stipends, salaries, artists in residence, field trips, scholarships, or third party funding.

Awards: \$2,000.00 - \$5,000.00

Deadline: February 12, 2010 or earlier if 1,500 applications are received before then

Contact: To get started, click on the "How to Apply" - <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>

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>

LITERACY & ACADEMICS & ACHIEVEMENT

DOLLAR GENERAL YOUTH LITERACY GRANTS

Purpose: Youth Literacy Grants for literacy programs.

Awards: Not listed yet.

Deadline: Applications will be available in February.

Contact: www.dollargeneral.com/ServingOthers/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx

Look at the website for additional grant opportunities.

JORDAN FUNDAMENTALS

Purpose: Innovation Grants for Middle and High Schools (grades 6-12) to impact classroom innovation and improve instruction. At least 50% of the school's student population must be eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program at the time of application.

Awards: \$5,000.00

Deadline: Deadline to be announced in January.

Contact: <http://www.nike.com/jumpman23/features/fundamentals/guidelines.html#guidelines>

THE NEA FOUNDATION (National Education Association)

Purpose: Student Achievement Grants to improve academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are encouraged.

Grants from teachers with less than seven years of experience in the profession & education support professionals are encouraged.

Awards: \$5,000.00

Deadline: February 1, June 1, and October 15.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/student-achievement-grants/>

TOSHIBA AMERICA FOUNDATION (TAF)

Purpose: Innovative projects for Grades 7-12 designed by math and science teachers.

Awards: \$5,000.00 and up

Deadline: February 1, 2010

Contact: <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

Call 212-596-0620 for assistance. There is another grant for grades K-6 – October 1st deadline.

TECHNOLOGY

DIGITAL WISH

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 \$300.00 - \$1,000.00

Deadline: On-going

Contact: <http://www.digitalwish.com> (Go to Teachers Get Started)

SERVICE LEARNING

PAY IT FORWARD GRANT

Purpose: Funds one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community.

Awards: \$500.00 (mini grants)

Deadline: February 15, 2010 – although applications are accepted throughout the year

Contact: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>