

THE GRANT CONNECTION

Although the thermometer doesn't recognize it, the store shelves, chock-full of Halloween candy, tell a different story. Yes, the fall season is in full swing!

Please make sure that a *Grant Application Form* (GAF) (<http://act.manateeschools.net/documents/grants/GAF%20-%202010.pdf>) is completed and sent back to us at the School Support Center. 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.

For the latest and greatest in the world of grant writing...check out **The Grant Connection** in the Manatee Shared Conference folder on your First Class desktop. This site provides funding opportunities, related articles, and tips that may not make the monthly *Manatee Educator* due to timing or space.

One last thing, contact us if you have an idea for a project so we can do the research for you. As we approach the end of the 2011 year, this is the time when local foundations select projects for funding. We know it is difficult, but try to plan ahead!



Thank you for all that you do for our students!

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First Class: The Grant Connection ■ *Grant Resources* on the Intranet

*“Never jump into a pile of leaves with a wet sucker.”
Linus, It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*

ACADEMICS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS (NCTM) GRADES 6-8

Purpose: The purpose of this grant is to support professional development to improve the competence in the teaching of mathematics of one or more classroom teachers.

Awards: A maximum of \$3,000.00 will be awarded to person(s) currently teaching at the grades 6-8 level.

Deadline: November 11, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=198#68>

**Note: The applicant must be a current (as of October 14, 2011) Full Individual or E-Member of NCTM or teach at a school with a current NCTM PreK-8 school membership and currently teach mathematics in grades 6-8 at least 50 percent of the school day.*

ENVIRONMENTAL

SIEMENS WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD CHALLENGE – GRADES K-5

Purpose: Offers students the opportunity to use science, math, and reading/language arts concepts and skills to create sustainable, reproducible environmental improvements. For example, students utilize their comprehension skills by reading and summarizing non-fiction texts. Then they use their writing skills to write an action plan to solve a local environmental issue based on what they have learned.

Awards: **Class prizes** include but are not limited to: a Discovery Education assembly, a *Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge* green prize, and more. **Teacher/Mentor prizes** include but are not limited to: a \$5,000.00 grant for their school, a pocket video camera, and a one-year membership to NSTA.

Deadline: August 24, 2011 through March 15, 2012.

Contact: <http://www.wecanchange.com/elementary-school/about-challenge/overview/>

DO SOMETHING.ORG SEED GRANTS

Purpose: These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

Amount: \$500.00 every week.

Deadline: None! Apply now! You will be notified whether or not you have won within 2-3 months after submission.

Contact: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seedgrants>

STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS)

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION

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: \$20,000.00 to \$60,000.00 over a one year period.

Deadline: November 1, 2011.

Contact: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Let us know if you are writing for this. We are here to help!

TECHNOLOGY

SAMSUNG K-12 SUPERHERO COMPETITION

Purpose: Applicants are asked to portray their favorite historical character, and produce a 1-3 minute long video. The student must submit the video online at www.samsungk-12.com, and fill in the appropriate fields to be considered.

Eligibility: The competition is offered to any school, public or private, located within the United States or its territories. The application must be completed by the student's teacher who has taught at the kindergarten through high school (K-12) level in 2011 and intends to teach in 2012.

Amount: Samsung will reward the student with \$500, and the student's class will win a SAMCAM 860.

Deadline: November 30, 2011

Contact: <http://samsungk-12.com/terms.html>

FREEBIES

OFFICE DEPOT-RECYCLING

Upon registering, recycling supplies will be sent to the address provided (welcome letter, 3 boxes, and marketing collateral). As an existing member, simply login to request free boxes. Send your recycling boxes filled with empty cartridges and small electronics. Get rewarded for the value of the ink/toner empties and small electronics in the form of an Office Depot Gift Card valid for redemption in store and online. Shipping is FREE!

Contact: <http://myschoolrecycles.com/home.aspx>

CHIQUITA

Teachers - get lesson plans, tools, and activities to use in the classroom. Enter for a chance to win up to \$5,000.00 for your school. The more you use the site, the more chances you have to win!

Contact:

http://www.chiquita.com/bananabrain/?utm_source=EducatorsNetwork&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=600x400&utm_campaign=Back2School