
Funding Opportunities

Government and Private Grant Sources for Education Programs

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2005 Idea of America Essay Contest for High School Juniors / National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Comparing Different Forms of Government

PROGRAM: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites all eligible high school juniors to enter the 2005 Idea of American Essay Contest. For the 2005 contest, students will answer the following three questions, "Describe totalitarianism by comparing the goals, methods, and results of fascism and communism"; "How were the tenets of these totalitarian movements different from the ideals that unite Americans?"; and "How did the ideals embodied in the American founding prevail?"

DEADLINE: April 15, 2005.

FUNDING: \$5,000 for the author of the winning essay, five national finalists will each receive cash prizes of \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to 11th grade students and 16 and 17 year old home-schooled students.

CONTACT: You may visit the website at <http://www.wethepeople.gov/essay/>.

Electronic Records Challenges and Opportunities Grant Program / National Archives and Records Administration's National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

Updating Recordkeeping Technology

PROGRAM: The National Archives and Records Administration's National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is accepting applications for the Electronic Records Challenges and Opportunities grant program. The goal of the NHPRC is to ensure records kept today will be serviceable with tomorrow's technology. The NHPRC strives to keep up with modern technology as recordkeeping continues to move from paper to electronic systems. The end result should have policymakers, managers, and the public, creating and maintaining complete and authentic records.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2005.

FUNDING: Total funding amount \$700,000. Up to 10 awards offered.

ELIGIBILITY: State, county, city, or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education. Native American tribal governments, 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, and individuals.

CONTACT: Michael Meier, Director for Technology Initiatives, (202)501-5610. You may visit the website at <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/NARA/HQ/NHPRC/NHPRC-RecordsElectronic-2005/Grant.html>.

Workshop Grants / National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Promoting Humanities Through Collaboration

PROGRAM: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is offering grants supporting professional development workshops for K-12 teachers and faculty at postsecondary institutions. The purpose of these workshops is to enhance understanding of the humanities through collaborative study of important topics, give faculty the chance to pursue intellectual inquiry, engage scholars who are experts in humanities, employ innovative programs and formats to interest faculty members, and further the study and teaching of humanities at participating institutions.

DEADLINE: April 7, 2005.

FUNDING: Up to \$30,000 for a single institution; up to \$75,000 for regional or multi-institutional programs.

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

CONTACT: Faculty Humanities Workshops, Division of Education Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 302, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506, (202) 606-8463, email: education@neh.gov. You may visit the website at <http://www.neh.fed.us/grants/guidelines/facworkshops.html>.

Ford Foundation

Providing Funding for Various Programs

PROGRAM: The Ford Foundation is an independent organization entirely separate from the Ford Motor Company. The Foundation supports projects that help strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The foundation provides funding for various programs and projects with a focus on knowledge, creativity, and freedom. Further subdivisions of this broad interest area include education and scholarship, sexuality and reproductive health, religion, society, and culture.

DEADLINE: Open; however, before a request is made for a grant or program-related investment, a brief letter of inquiry is recommended.

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and individuals.

CONTACT: Secretary, The Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017, (212) 573-5000, email: office-secretary@fordfound.org. You may visit the website at <http://www.fordfound.org>.

National Geographic Society Awards Grants

Keeping Research and Exploration Alive

PROGRAM: More than 7,500 projects and expeditions have been funded by the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration since its inception in 1890. The society's mission is: "To increase and diffuse geographic knowledge." The projects and expeditions involve conservationists, marine biologists, botanists, archaeologists, and paleontologists. Eight fields of study in which grantseekers can focus their projects are: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biology, geography, geology, oceanography, and paleontology. All grant opportunities are aimed at funding scientific field research and exploration and must have a geographical dimension while pertaining to other scientific fields. The committee requests that grantseekers focus their efforts on multidisciplinary projects that address environmental issues.

DEADLINE: Open.

FUNDING: Grants range from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals who have advanced degrees (Ph.D. or equivalent) and are associated with an educational organization or institution, and independent researchers, or those pursuing a Ph.D. level degree. All applicants are expected to have published at least three articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

CONTACT: Committee for Research and Exploration, National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20090-8249. You may visit the website at http://www.nationalgeographic.com/research/grant_application.html.

Stone Scholarship Grant / Califone International, Inc.

Expressing Learning Through Writing

PROGRAM: Califone International, Inc, the premier manufacturer of quality sound presentation solutions for schools, industry, institutions and the workplace, has announced the 2004-2005 Stone Scholarship Contest for Pre-K through eighth grade students. Three different grade-based groups will submit entries to win a United States Savings Bond for the individual students and Califone products for their school. The theme for both original drawing and short story or essay is "Califone Helps Me Learn".

DEADLINE: April 30, 2005.

FUNDING: Up to \$200 cash and up to \$1,000 in Califone learning equipment products for their school for the pre-k through second grade group; third through sixth grade students will submit an original drawing for the chance to win up to \$250 in U.S. Savings Bonds and up to \$1000 in Califone products for their schools; and seventh and eighth grade students will be judged on short stories or essays for the chance to win up to \$300 in U.S. Savings Bonds and \$1000 in Califone learning equipment products for their schools.

ELIGIBILITY: Pre-k through eighth grade students divided into three different grade-based groups.

CONTACT: Grace Sun, (800) 722-0500 Ext. 428. You may visit the website at http://www.califone.com/press_release.php?pid=69&osCsid=cc815a532a01d999315081772259b094.

Visit the FLDOE Grants Management Website at
<http://www.firn.edu/doe/grants/grants.htm>.

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