
Funding Opportunities

Government and Private Grant Sources for Education Programs

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Geoscience Education / National Science Foundation (NSF)

Improving Geosciences in Education

PROGRAM: The National Science Foundation invites proposals for projects to improve geoscience education at all levels. Their goal is to increase the number and quality of earth and space science teachers, promote careers in the field, increase the number of students enrolling in geoscience courses, and increase the public's understanding of geoscience related issues. The program will consider proposals submitted under one of two tracks.

Track 1 projects should describe plans to initiate or pilot highly innovative geoscience education activities that combine research and education and make use of current geoscience research results and methods. Awards are designed to provide start-up funding to enable projects to compete for longer-term funding from other sources or become self-sustaining.

Track 2 projects integrate geoscience research and education activities into existing NSF programs designed to increase the number of minorities studying, teaching and conducting research in science, technology and mathematics fields.

DEADLINE: November 17, 2005.

FUNDING: \$2.5 million a year, including \$1.5 million a year for track 1 pilot projects and \$1 million a year for track 2 integrative collaborations. NSF anticipates providing \$5 million total for FY 2006 and FY 2008 competitions, which will support 45 awards, 40 pilot projects (Track 1) and five collaborative projects (Track 2).

ELIGIBILITY: U.S. Colleges and universities; nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations; public agencies and for-profit organizations.

CONTACT: Dr. Jacqueline Huntoon, (703) 292-8500, email: jhuntoon@nsf.gov. You may visit the website at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05609/nsf05609.htm>.

Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) / The Actuarial Foundation

Involving Actuaries in the Teaching of Mathematics

PROGRAM: The Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grants, funded by the Actuarial Foundation, will award monetary grants to schools and groups seeking funding to develop a viable mentoring program involving actuaries in the teaching of mathematics to children in private and public schools. The program will bring together actuaries and educators in local classroom environments with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest and achievement in math. The Actuarial Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom. Groups applying for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that enhance learning and create a "love of math" in each student.

DEADLINE: Ongoing.

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations.

CONTACT: Debbie Scanlon, (847) 706-3535, email: asa@actfnd.org. You may visit the website at <http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/index.html>.

American Honda Foundation *Promoting Youth and Science Education*

PROGRAM: The mission of the American Honda Foundation is to support organizations which strive to meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education. In the process of reviewing various requests and meeting key personnel, the Foundation staff and board members have discovered innumerable unique programs and initiatives, where students and children explore their surrounding universe and discover their own possibilities.

DEADLINE: November 1, 2005.

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: Educational institutions, K-12; accredited higher education institutions (colleges and universities) that offer scholarship and fellowship programs which focus on math and science; community colleges and vocational or trade schools; other scientific and education-related, non-profit 501(c)3 organizations; gifted student programs; media concerning youth education and/or scientific education; and youth education projects.

CONTACT: American Honda Foundation, P.O. Box 2205, Torrance, CA 90509-2205, (310) 781-4090. You may visit the website at <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>.

Disney Teacher Awards / Walt Disney Company *Honoring Outstanding Teachers*

PROGRAM: DisneyHand, part of the Walt Disney Companies' community outreach program, offers awards to honor teachers who exemplify creativity in teaching, stimulate curiosity, spark the imagination, and inspire a joy of learning in their students.

DEADLINE: Nominations are accepted until October 15, 2005. Once nominated, teachers submit full applications due in late December or early January.

FUNDING: Honorees each receive \$10,000, a \$5,000 grant for their school, and \$5,000 for six days of professional development training with their principal at the Walt Disney World Resort.

ELIGIBILITY: Full-time K-12 classroom public, private or parochial school teachers. Students, former students, parents, principals, members of the community, or co-workers may submit nominations.

CONTACT: DisneyHand Teacher Awards, 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-0893, (877) 282-8322. You may visit the website at <http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/learning/teacherawards/index.html>.

Grammy Signature Schools

Enhancing Music Programs in High Schools

PROGRAM: The Grammy Signature Schools program is designed to honor exceptional public high school music programs across the country. There is also the opportunity through the Grammy Signature Schools Enterprise Award for underserved music programs to receive grants based on financial need.

DEADLINE: October 22, 2005.

FUNDING: Awards range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Public High Schools.

CONTACT: Brandi Johnson, Project Coordinator, (310) 581-8668. You may visit the website at http://www.grammyintheschools.com/gits_loader.html.

National Schools of Character Award / Character Education Partnership (CEP)

Awarding Exemplary Schools

PROGRAM: Each year the Character Education Partnership (CEP) recognizes approximately 10 private and public schools and districts in the United States as National Schools of Character (NSOC). To be selected a National Schools of Character, the school or district must exemplify the Character Education Partnership's (CEP) *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education*. The program has a twofold purpose: 1) To identify exemplary schools and districts to serve as models for others; and 2) To help schools and districts improve their efforts in effective character education. The program gives awards to K-12 schools and school districts that have shown

positive results from various character building initiatives. Winners may vary in scope, method, and content, but their projects must have common results that emphasize the program's core values of honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring.

DEADLINE: December 5, 2005.

FUNDING: Awards up to \$2,000, a National Schools of Character flag, recognition at the Character Education Partnership Annual Forum, and will be featured in the annual National Schools of Character book/CD and website.

ELIGIBILITY: Public and private K-12 schools and school districts that have shown positive results from character education projects.

CONTACT: National Schools of Character, Character Education Partnership, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1011, Washington, DC 20036, (800) 988-8081, email: geninfo@character.org. You may visit the website at <http://www.character.org/eventsawards/nsoc>.

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

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