
Funding Opportunities

Government and Private Grant Sources for Education Programs

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Agriculture Education Challenge / U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Promoting Agricultural Education

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites applications for projects to promote and strengthen agriscience and agribusiness education at secondary and two-year postsecondary institutions. They strive to enhance curricula, increase faculty teaching competencies, promote higher education, incorporate agriscience or agribusiness subject matter into other instructional programs, facilitate joint initiatives among other educational institutions, and respond to identified State, regional, national or international educational needs.

DEADLINE: January 12, 2006.

FUNDING: Total award of \$1 million; individual awards up to \$35,000 for a regular project and \$50,000 for a joint project. The project period is 18 to 24 months.

ELIGIBILITY: Public secondary schools or public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges. Schools may partner with institutions that are not directly eligible to apply.

CONTACT: P. Gregory Smith, (202) 720-1973, email: gsmith@screes.usda.gov. You may visit the website at http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html.

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need / Office of Postsecondary Education / U. S. Department of Education (USDE)

Offering Fellowships to Those In Need

PROGRAM: The Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need program is designed to provide fellowships in areas of national need. This program will assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their courses of study. The areas of national need include biology, chemistry, computer and information sciences, engineering, geological and related sciences, mathematics, nursing, and physics.

DEADLINE: November 14, 2005.

FUNDING: Awards range from \$126,000 to \$253,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Institutions of higher education, other organizations and/or agencies, academic departments and programs of institutions of higher education. Non-degree granting institutions may submit joint proposals with degree-granting institutions of higher education.

CONTACT: Cosette Ryan, U.S. Department of Education, Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program, 1990 K Street NW, Room 6008, Washington, DC 20006-8521, (202) 502-7637, email: ope_gaann@ed.gov. You may visit the website at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/gaann/index.html>.

Education Partnerships – Alternative Education/Public Private Partnerships / Florida Department of Education (FDOE)

Providing Funding for Education Partnerships

PROGRAM: The Education Partnerships – Alternative Education/Public Private Partnerships program is designed to provide funding for new Education Partnerships (EP) serving disruptive and low-performing students in grades 6-12. Education Partnerships funded through this project are classified as either large (300 or more students served) or small (75 students served in a school district with fewer than 20,000 full-time equivalent students).

DEADLINE: October 31, 2005.

FUNDING: \$6,000,000 to fund existing and new Education Partnerships (\$5,000,000 for large programs; \$1,000,000 for small programs).

ELIGIBILITY: All Florida school districts. (Note: Priority will be given to proposals from school districts that have not previously received funding for Education Partnerships – Alternative Education/Public Private Partnerships).

CONTACT: Roger Henry, Florida Department of Education, (850) 245-0481, email: Roger.Henry@fldoe.org. You may visit the website at http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-3302/k12_05_140att1.pdf.

Educator Grant Program / Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF)

Developing Innovative Aerospace Activities

PROGRAM: The Educator Grant program is designed to promote aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. The program also encourages establishing an active relationship between the school and the local Air Force Association organization.

DEADLINE: November 15, 2005.

FUNDING: Up to \$250 per award.

ELIGIBILITY: Teachers in grades K-12 or home schools.

CONTACT: Ann Sagle, Aerospace Education Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1198, (800) 291-8480, email: asagle@aeef.org. You may visit the website at <http://www.aef.org/aid/educator.asp>.

Olympus/Tool Factory Visual Learning Contest

Supporting Visual Learning Projects

PROGRAM: Camera maker Olympus and software company, Tool Factory, are making grants to support educators' visual learning projects that effectively and creatively use digital cameras and software.

DEADLINE: December 30, 2005.

FUNDING: Ten awards packages valued at more than \$3,500 each, including three 4.0 megapixel cameras, photo software, 30 "digital camera basics" workbooks and \$500 to cover other project costs.

ELIGIBILITY: Educators at K-12 and special education schools in the U.S. and Canada.

CONTACT: Tool Factory, Inc., 3336 Sunderland Hill Rd., Sunderland, Vermont 05250, (802) 375-6549. You may visit the website at http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest.

Toyota USA Foundation

Encouraging Education in Math and Science

PROGRAM: The Toyota USA Foundation has been working for over a decade to fund K-12 education programs, especially in the areas of mathematics and science. The foundation has formed partnerships with some of America's leading organizations and institutions and prefers proposals which are broad in scope; incorporate interdisciplinary curriculum, "real world" classroom applications; are creative and innovative; develop the potential of students and teachers; and are cost-effective.

DEADLINE: Open.

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, institutions of higher education, community colleges and vocational or trade schools, and nonprofit organizations engaged in pre-college math or science.

CONTACT: Foundation Administrator, Toyota USA Foundation, 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4900, New York, NY 10019, (212) 715-7486. You may also visit the website at <http://www.toyota.com/foundation>.

Using Music to Teach Mathematics / National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Improving Student Academic Achievement through Music

PROGRAM: The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) makes grants to teachers for projects that improve student academic achievement by using music to teach mathematical skills and concepts to K-2 students. This award is for individual classroom teachers or small groups of teachers collaborating in one grade or across grade levels. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: combining mathematics and music; clarity of a plan for improving students' learning of mathematics; creativity of the plan, and the anticipated impact on student achievement.

DEADLINE: November 4, 2005.

FUNDING: Up to \$3,000 per award.

ELIGIBILITY: NCTM member (individual or school) K-2 math teachers or small groups collaborating in one grade or across grade levels.

CONTACT: Mathematics Education Trust at NCTM, 1906 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191-1502, (703) 620-9840. You may visit the website at <http://www.nctm.org/about/met/mendelsohn.htm>.

Visit the FLDOE Grants Management Website at

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/grants/grants.htm>.

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