
Funding Opportunities

from government and private sources for education programs

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Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) offers this program to improve student literacy skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; a well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media center; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

DEADLINE: March 28, 2003, for suggested notification of intent to apply; April 28, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: Estimated Available Funds: \$12,000,000.
Estimated Range of Awards: \$20,000 to \$350,000.
Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$75,000.
Estimated Number of Awards: 75-100.

ELIGIBILITY: Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in which at least 20 percent of the students served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line. A list of LEAs with their family poverty rates is posted on the web at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/LSL>.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2003-1/030603b.html>, CFDA# 84.364A.

TRIO Dissemination Partnership Program (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) TRIO Programs consist of Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Centers, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Programs, and the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs. The TRIO Dissemination Partnership Program is offered to TRIO Program grantees to enable them to work with institutions and organizations that are serving low-income and first-generation college students, but do not have TRIO Program grants. The purpose of the TRIO Dissemination Program is to promote the replication or adaptation of successful TRIO Program components, practices, strategies, and activities by institutions and organizations that are not TRIO Program grantees.

DEADLINE: April 7, 2003.

FUNDING: Estimated Available Funds: \$5,500,000.
Estimated Range of Awards: \$150,000-\$200,000 for Year 1 of the project period.
Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$179,000 per year.
Estimated Number of Awards: 25-30.

ELIGIBILITY: Institutions of higher education and private and public institutions and organizations that were carrying out a Federal TRIO grant before October 7, 1998, the date of enactment of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2003-1/030603c.html>, CFDA# 84.344.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion (NSF)

PROGRAM: The National Science Foundation (NSF) seeks proposals aimed at preparing citizens and workers for an increasingly complex technological society by directly expanding the number of undergraduates seeking science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) baccalaureate degrees and conducting research on degree attainment in those fields.

DEADLINE: April 10, 2003, for letters of intent; May 22, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: \$22 million total. Grants for STEM enrollment expansion (include such activities as improving the quality of student learning; enabling community college students to matriculate directly into bachelor's programs; and increasing the number of pathways to achieving a STEM

degree) range up to \$500,000 each for institutions with 5,000 or fewer undergraduates; up to \$1 million each for institutions with 5,000 to 15,000 undergraduates; and up to \$2 million each for institutions with more than 15,000 undergraduates. The project period is five years. Grants for research on STEM attainment range up to \$100,000 a year each for one or two years.

ELIGIBILITY: For expansion activities, STEM-degree granting higher education institutions, including associate degree granting institutions, alone and in consortia; and nonprofits that have established higher education consortia. In addition, for research activities, nonprofit research institutes, professional societies, industry and other organizations.

CONTACT: Web site, www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03548/nsf03548.htm.

Distance Learning/Telemedicine (USDA)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), is inviting applications for grants to support a wide range of distance learning and telemedicine service and training projects in rural areas.

DEADLINE: May 2, 2003, for proposals. Applications for loans or combination loans and grants may be submitted any time up to July 31, 2003, and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

FUNDING: \$17 million is available for grants of a maximum \$500,000 each. The USDA will award an additional \$10 million in grants paired with \$100 million in loans under the combination grants/loan portion of the program (awarded with a maximum 10:1 loan/grant ratio) and \$200 million for low-interest loans of a maximum \$10 million each.

ELIGIBILITY: An applicant must be an incorporated organization, partnership, American Indian tribe or tribal organization, or other entity that operates or will operate a school, college, university learning center, training facility or other education institution; or provides or will provide telemedicine services or related distance learning, or a consortia. Organizations must meet specific requirements for rural projects.

CONTACT: Web site, www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm.

National Weather Association Sol Hirsch Teacher Grants

PROGRAM: The National Weather Association (NWA) makes these grants, named after former NWA President Sol Hirsch, available to improve students' education in meteorology.

DEADLINE: August 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Five awards of \$500 each.

ELIGIBILITY: Teachers of grades K-12. Teachers selected will be able to use the funds to take an accredited course in atmospheric sciences, attend a relevant workshop or conference or purchase scientific materials or equipment for the classroom.

CONTACT: Web site, www.nwas.org/solhirsch.html.

All-USA Teacher Team

PROGRAM: The program honors K-12 teachers who excel in a variety of teaching situations. The All-USA Teacher Team has been developed in cooperation with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Middle School Association, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Education Association and American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2003.

FUNDING: The 20 First Team members will receive trophies and share \$2,500 with their schools, with each teacher receiving \$500 and the balance going to the school. Twenty teachers each will be honored as members of the Second and Third Teams.

ELIGIBILITY: K-12 teachers for the 2002-2003 school year. They may be nominated by anyone willing to describe their accomplishments in writing.

CONTACT: Web site, www.allstars.usatoday.com.

Jordan Fundamentals

PROGRAM: This grant program was established to recognize outstanding teaching and instructional creativity in public secondary schools that serve economically disadvantaged students. Support is provided for special projects that already exist or for the creation of new projects that have the potential to assist education in reaching new heights.

DEADLINE: June 15, 2003.

FUNDING: Up to 400 grants of \$2,500. Grant funds must be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, or other costs related to field trips, software and other items required to implement and assess the proposed lesson or thematic unit. Funds may not be used to supplant expenditures that are the normal responsibility of the school district (e.g., salaries).

ELIGIBILITY: Public school teachers or paraprofessionals working with students in grades six through 12 and who are employed by an accredited public school where at least 40 percent of the school's student population is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program.

CONTACT: Web site, http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/gc/ca/pdf/jf_application.pdf.

American Radio Relay League Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program

PROGRAM: The American Radio Relay League Foundation supports the development of amateur radio among high-school age or younger students and aims to enrich the experience of radio amateurs under the age of 18.

DEADLINE: None. The foundation reviews proposals throughout the year.

FUNDING: Up to \$1,000 each. Funds may be used to secure equipment for antennas for club stations, purchase training materials, support local service projects that bring favorable public exposure, and similar activities.

ELIGIBILITY: High school radio clubs, youth groups, general interest radio clubs and nonprofits that sponsor groups of students or make an effort to get them involved in radio club activities.

CONTACT: Web site, www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/instructor/grants.html#start.

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