
Funding Opportunities

from government and private sources for education programs

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K-20 Education Web Portal (FDOE)

PROGRAM: The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will grant a cooperative agreement to one state university to procure contractual services to design and develop the FDOE Web Portal. The successful bidder will design, configure, install and implement a K-20 Web Portal. The portal will provide seamless customer access to comprehensive online information and services provided by the K-20 education system. The portal will extend the Department's existing investment in standard platform online services to encompass new and innovative online access to information and quality educational content. In addition to meeting the FDOE objectives of providing quality educational opportunities to its citizens, the educational portal will meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1162 for streamlined and simplified customer access to information and services.

DEADLINE: February 14, 2003.

FUNDING: \$600,000 total funding amount. Project period March 1, 2003, to August 31, 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: Florida's state universities.

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U.S. Department of Education Seeks Comments for: Tech-Prep Demonstration Program (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Office of Vocational and Adult Education, is seeking comments on priorities and requirements it is proposing for fiscal year 2003 competition later this year under the Tech-Prep Demonstration grant program, which supports campus-based consortium projects to improve secondary school vocational education.

DEADLINE: February 24, 2003, for comments.

FUNDING: Funding has not yet been set for fiscal year 2003. A \$5 million competition was held in the summer of 2001 to award 36-month grants. Awards averaged \$500,000 a year each.

ELIGIBILITY: Consortia must have one member each of the following categories: local or intermediate education agencies, area vocational and technical education schools serving secondary school students, or secondary schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Nonprofit higher education institutions that offer a two-year associate degree, certificate, or postsecondary apprenticeship program; or proprietary higher education institutions that offer a two-year associate degree program; and businesses. The secondary school must be physically located on the site of a community college. Proposed "virtual" campus projects or only satellite community college sites at the secondary school are not eligible.

CONTACT: Web site, www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister (click on "Proposed Regulations, Priorities and Other Rules"). CFDA #84.353.

Effective Mathematics Education Research Grants (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Institute of Education Sciences, is seeking applications for research to support the identification of interventions and approaches in mathematics education that will result in improving mathematics achievement for all students and closing achievement gaps between minority and non-minority students, and between economically disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. The focus of the 2003 competition will be middle-school mathematics education.

DEADLINE: March 6, 2003, for letters of intent; April 18, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: 15 grants of about \$350,000 a year each for four years. Funding could be higher for larger-scale projects.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit and for-profit organizations, public and private agencies and institutions, such as colleges and universities, and others with the capacity to conduct such research.

CONTACT: Web site, www.ed.gov/offices/IES/funding.html. CFDA #84.305K.

Social and Character Development Research Grants (USDOE)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Institute of Education Sciences, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is inviting cooperative agreement applications for research to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions designed to promote positive social and character development, increase positive behaviors, and reduce antisocial behaviors among elementary school children. Interventions should focus on building social and emotional competencies and on developing important skills, such as self-regulation, conflict resolution, and social problem solving.

DEADLINE: March 6, 2003, for letters of intent; April 25, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: Eight awards of approximately \$450,000 a year each for four years.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit and for-profit organizations; private agencies and institutions, such as colleges and universities; and other entities able to conduct scientifically valid research.

CONTACT: Web site, www.ed.gov/offices/IES/funding.html. CFDA #84.305L.

Implementation of Excellence in Classroom Education: El Salvador (USAID)

PROGRAM: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is inviting cooperative agreement applications to address priority needs for education in El Salvador. The grantee will work with one to three local partners with demonstrated experience in education to strengthen the ministry of education's capacity to improve decentralized school management, modify and implement educational reforms; improve student achievement in 250 rural K-6 schools by training and providing technical assistance to school principals; and conduct education policy research on a variety of topics, including the key area of the socioeconomic costs of the current level of investment in education and successful reforms undertaken by countries with similar needs.

DEADLINE: February 14, 2003, for questions; March 14, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: \$5 million over two years. Grantee cost-sharing is 15 percent of program costs.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations or consortia.

CONTACT: Web site, www.usaid.gov (click on "Business and Procurement" then "USAID Procurements" and "Download USAID Solicitations"). Refer to RFA 519-03-A-002.

Nancy Foster Scholarship Program (NOAA)

PROGRAM: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking applications to support outstanding graduate students pursuing research and study in oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology.

DEADLINE: March 10, 2003.

FUNDING: Stipends total up to \$32,000 each, with a maximum of \$64,000 for masters students for two years and \$128,000 for doctoral students for four years. Five awards are anticipated.

ELIGIBILITY: United States citizens currently pursuing or intending to pursue a masters or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, including the curation, preservation, and display of maritime artifacts. Prospective scholars do not need to be enrolled, but must be admitted to a graduate-level program in order to apply for this scholarship.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov>.

Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education (NSF)

PROGRAM: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting applications to operate fellowship programs aimed at placing science and technology graduate students and advanced undergraduates in K-12 classrooms to enhance teaching skills of fellows, provide resources for teachers, enrich learning experiences for students and foster partnerships between higher education institutions and local school districts.

DEADLINE: May 7, 2003, for letters of intent; June 4, 2003, for applications.

FUNDING: \$20 million in fiscal year 2003 for 30 awards, including 20 Track 1 awards of up to \$600,000 a year for three years for a total award duration of up to three years; and 10 Track 2 awards up to \$2 million total for an awards duration of up to five years with awards in any one year not to exceed \$500,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Academic institutions that grant masters or doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines supported by NSF. Collaborating institutions include two-and four-year colleges or non-academic institutions, industry and nonprofit organizations, among others.

CONTACT: Web site, www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03532/nsf03532.htm.

Youth Service America -- National Youth Service Day Awards

PROGRAM: The Youth Service America organization is making two grants available to implement service learning projects on National Youth Service Day, scheduled to take place this year on April 11-13.

DEADLINE: February 28, 2003.

FUNDING:

- *Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award*, sponsored by insurance company State Farm, will award 50 grants of \$500 each to youths and 50 grants of \$1,500 each to teachers.
- *Youth Service Action Fund*, sponsored by telephone company AT&T, will make 25 grants of \$500 each to youths and youth organizations.

ELIGIBILITY: Youths aged five to 25, teachers and youth organizations that will implement a service-learning project for National Youth Service Day.

CONTACT: Web site, www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm.

American Express Economic Independence Grant

PROGRAM: The American Express Foundation and the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) seek applications for financial education projects to increase the financial literacy of underserved people.

DEADLINE: March 7, 2003.

FUNDING: At least \$500,000 will be available for 20 grants of \$15,000 to \$30,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations operating at the community/county level, which may or may not have affiliations with state, regional, and national groups, that will bring financial literacy programs to underserved people, including the newly employed, young workers, individuals moving from welfare to work and immigrants. Multi-organizational partnerships are acceptable.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://nefe.org/amexeconfund/index.html>.

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