

Funding Opportunities

Government and Private Grant Sources for Education Programs

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Be sure to verify availability, eligibility, and instructions with the funding source before preparing proposals.

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Department of Education / Office of Postsecondary Education/ Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program

PROGRAM: Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Projects are short-term and include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study.

DEADLINE: October 24, 2008.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: Approximately \$78,446. Estimated number of awards is 30.

ELIGIBILITY: Institutions of higher education, state departments of education, private nonprofit educational organizations, and consortia of these entities.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) / Office of Education / Global Climate Change Education (GCCE)

PROGRAM: Global Climate Change Education

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The goals of the GCCE project are to use NASA's unique contributions to climate and Earth system science. The first goal is to advance the teaching and learning about global climate change in elementary and secondary schools and on college campuses. The second goal is to increase the number of students, predominantly high school and undergraduate students, using NASA Earth observation data/NASA Earth system models to examine and analyze global climate change issues. The third goal is to increase the number of undergraduate students prepared for employment and/or to enter graduate school in technical fields relevant to global climate change. The fourth goal is to increase access to high quality global climate change education among students from groups historically underrepresented in science.

DEADLINE: October 24, 2008.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: 20 small awards and 4 larger awards will be made under this announcement pursuant to the authority of the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook (<http://ec.msfc.nasa.gov/hq/grcover.htm>), Section 1260.12(c)(2). Small awards may be up to \$150,000, in total, dispersed over a period of up to two years. Larger awards may be up to \$500,000, in total, dispersed over a period of up to three years.

ELIGIBILITY: Educational institutions or other nonprofit organizations pursuant to the authority of the *NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook* Section 1260.12(c)(2). NASA Centers, Federal Agencies, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, education-related companies and other institutions may apply through partnership with the lead organization.

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Best Buy / Best Buy Teach Award Program

PROGRAM: Best Buy Teach Award Program

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Best Buy Award Program supports K-12 schools that have integrated interactive technology into the curriculum to connect students and make learning fun. As a company, Best Buy believes that when technology is used successfully it can motivate children and have a positive impact on their ability to learn. The Best Buy Teach Award program recognizes imaginative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. The principle of the Best Buy Teach Award program is to reward schools for the thriving interactive programs the schools have launched using available technology.

DEADLINE: October 12, 2008.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: Best Buy Teach Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded to programs that connect students at any grade level by creatively integrating interactive technology into the program. All awards are in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Ten thousand dollars will be granted to up to 15 schools serving 9th grade students that demonstrates the greatest creativity in their programs/projects and the clearest vision of how to enhance the school's use of interactive technology.

ELIGIBILITY: K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed by educators who have been at the school for a minimum of one full academic year. Eligible educators are certified teachers, specialists, and/or principals. The program or project must have been in existence in the applying school for at least one full school year.

CONTACT: bestbuyteach@scholarshipamerica.org. You may visit the website at <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Verizon Foundation / Education, Literacy, and Health Grants

PROGRAM: Education, Literacy, and Health Grants

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The purpose of this program is to assist programs to increase their literacy and educational success; avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence; and achieve and sustain their health and safety.

DEADLINE: November 1, 2008.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: Any grant request of \$10,000 or more are required to include a project budget breakdown.

ELIGIBILITY: 501(c)(3) non-profit.

CONTACT: If you have any content questions about the application please direct them to your local Verizon Community Relations Manager. You may visit the website at <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>

Wild Ones / Seeds for Education Grant Program

PROGRAM: Seeds for Education Grant Program

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: Project goals should center on the enhancement and development of an admiration for nature using native plants. Projects must stress involvement of students and volunteers and add to the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged, but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of and education about native plants and the native plant community is mandatory, and they must be suitable to the local ecoregion and the site conditions (soil, water, sunlight).

DEADLINE: November 15, 2008.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$100-\$500

ELIGIBILITY: Schools, nature centers, and other non-profit.

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