
Funding Opportunities

from government and private sources for education programs

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Undergraduate Course, Curriculum and Lab Improvement (NSF)

PROGRAM: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting applications to fund projects that improve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education for undergraduate students by improving course and curriculum materials development and dissemination.

DEADLINE: June 18, 2003.

FUNDING: 100 awards across the two areas of (1) educational materials development and (2) national dissemination; \$18 million total for fiscal year 2004.

ELIGIBILITY: Domestic two- and four-year colleges, universities, consortia of institutions, professional societies, nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

CONTACT: Herbert Levitan, telephone, 703/292-8666; e-mail, undergrad@nsf.gov; Web site, www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03558/nsf03558.htm.

Treatments for Adolescents with Alcohol Use Disorders (NIAAA)

PROGRAM: The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) invites applications to fund studies on behavioral and drug treatments for adolescents with alcohol disorders. Topics for the studies are: more effective interventions; treatment for concurrent disorders; interventions for youths co-morbid for alcohol and drug disorders, fetal alcohol syndrome or alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder; relapse prevention interventions to maintain recovery; and ways to translate research on effective interventions into service practice.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Research project grants, for varying amounts, for up to five years; small grants (\$25,000 - \$50,000 per year each) for direct costs for two years; and exploratory/developmental grants (\$100,000 per year each) for direct costs for three years.

ELIGIBILITY: Foreign and domestic nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

CONTACT: Cherry Lowman; telephone, 301/443-0637; e-mail, clowman@niaaa.nih.gov; Web site, <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-088.html>.

Lemelson-MIT Program InvenTeam Grants

PROGRAM: The Lemelson-MIT Program for Invention and Innovation invites applications for grants to support high school invention teams, challenging students to be inventive and develop excitement about the inventive contributions they can make.

InvenTeams (formed by high school students, their teacher(s), and industry mentors) will aim for a goal of inventing something of value for their schools or local communities.

DEADLINE: Preliminary applications, May 9, 2003. Invited semi-finalist applications, September 24, 2003.

FUNDING: Up to \$10,000 each for ten grants.

ELIGIBILITY: High school math, science and technology teachers. Teams may be part of a class or extracurricular activity.

CONTACT: The Lemelson-MIT Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Mass. Ave., Room E60-215, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307; telephone, 617/253-3352; Web site, <http://mit.edu/invent/www/InvenTeam>.

Project LASER Research Scholar Mini-Grants

PROGRAM: The University of South Florida's Linking Academic Scholars to Education Resources (LASER) program invites applicants for mini-grants to support research consistent with LASER's goal of improving the special education schooling of impoverished and urban children and youths.

Projects should research issues pertaining to special education interventions, assessment, curriculum, school reform, policy, leadership or family involvement.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2003.

FUNDING: \$5,000 per research award.

ELIGIBILITY: United States researchers from academic disciplines such as communication sciences, health sciences, education, psychology and sociology.

CONTACT: Ms. Anh-Kay Pizano, Project LASER, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, EDU 162, Tampa, FL 33620; telephone, 813/974-3195; e-mail, apizano@tempest.coedu.usf.edu; Web site, www.coedu.usf.edu/laser/doctoral.html.

Altria Community Kitchen Grants

PROGRAM: The parent company of Kraft Foods and Philip Morris, Altria, invites applications for funding to support the operation of innovative nonprofit community kitchens. Funding is aimed at programs that provide job training opportunities and culinary skill development to the unemployed, while producing food for vulnerable populations such as the homeless, elderly and after-school program children.

DEADLINE: May 2, 2003.

FUNDING: Awards are up to \$50,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY: United States nonprofit organizations that operate community kitchen programs and have graduated at least three groups of chef/food service worker trainees.

CONTACT: E-mail, RFPinfo@Altria.com; Web site, www.altria.com/responsibility/04_05_11_ACKRFP_Main.asp.

Sallie Mae "Unmet Need" Scholarships

PROGRAM: The Sallie Mae Fund, the charitable arm of the student loan company, invites applications for funding under the "Unmet Need" program to assist in bridging the gap between college costs and financial aid packages for low-income students.

DEADLINE: May 31, 2003 (application forms required by both student and the institution's financial aid administrator).

FUNDING: Up to \$3,800 per scholarship; total of \$1 million available this year.

ELIGIBILITY: Undergraduate students who: have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary two- or four-year institution or vocational technical school; demonstrated unmet need of more than \$1000; have a combined family income of \$30,000 or less; and have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 to 3.0.

CONTACT: Sallie Mae Unmet Need Scholarship Program, Scholarship America, 1505 Riverview Road, P.O. Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082; Web site, www.thesalliemafund.org/bridging/index.html.

National Geographic Society Education Foundation Teacher Grants

PROGRAM: National Geographic Society's Education Foundation is inviting applications for grants to fund teachers promoting geographic knowledge and stewardship of natural and cultural resources through education.

The foundation invites projects: with the potential to reach many teachers and students with high impact; that directly engage students and encourage understanding of the relevance and power of geographic skills, uses of geography and a spatial perspective; that attempt to improve student achievement through geographic literacy; that explore uses for new technologies; that expand student opportunities for experiential learning; and that engage families and/or communities.

DEADLINE: June 12, 2003.

FUNDING: \$100,000 total available this year, in grants of up to \$5,000 each.

ELIGIBILITY: Current teachers or administrators in accredited United States K-12 schools.

CONTACT: National Geographic Society Education Foundation, Attn: Grants Manager, Teacher Grant Proposals, 1145 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-4688; Web site, www.nationalgeographic.com/education/teacher_community/get_grant.html.

Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program

PROGRAM: Funded by Nike's Jordan brand and named in honor of basketball star Michael Jordan, the Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program recognizes and supports outstanding creative teaching in public secondary schools that serve economically disadvantaged students.

Grants will be awarded to applicants who develop an outstanding, original lesson plan or thematic unit that focuses on any academic or vocational-technical subject area and demonstrates high expectations for students who perform at a variety of academic levels.

DEADLINE: June 15, 2003.

FUNDING: Up to 400 grants per year awarded, \$2,500 per grant.

ELIGIBILITY: Paraprofessionals and teachers of students in United States public secondary schools, grades 6-12. The student population of the school must have an eligibility rate for the free or reduced-price school lunch program of at least 40%.

CONTACT: Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program, Scholarship Management Services, CSFA, 1505 Riverview Road, P.O. Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082; telephone, 507/931-1682; e-mail, jordanfundamentals@csfa.org; Web site, www.nike.com/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=jordan.

Youth Development

PROGRAM: The Hazen Foundation maintains a national focus on middle and high school youths in rural and urban low-income and minority communities, for purposes of youth organization and leadership development around social issues that are important to young people and the larger community.

Letters of inquiry are invited from organizations that can propose programs that fit the purpose of the Hazen Foundation, under the Youth Development ideology.

DEADLINE: Letters of inquiry (see guidelines on Web site) accepted year-round; applications will be sent to those invited to apply.

FUNDING: Varies per grant; approximately \$2 million total awarded annually.

ELIGIBILITY: Only federally tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

CONTACT: For letters of inquiry, President, Edward W. Hazen Foundation, 309 Fifth Avenue, Room 200-3, New York, NY 10016; e-mail, hazen@hazenfoundation.org; Web site, www.hazenfoundation.org.

Equipped 2 Play

PROGRAM: Initiated in 2001, the Women's Sports Foundation/Gatorade Equipped 2 Play Grant Program has awarded equipment and apparel to girls' sports programs in need across the United States.

DEADLINE: May 30, 2003

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: School-based, club or grassroots-level girls' sports programs in need of equipment or apparel. Preference given to programs serving girls 6-18.

CONTACT: Web site: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=26> (Click on "Equipped 2 Play"-more)

Caring Through Computers

PROGRAM: Peoplesoft, a leader in eBusiness software applications, invites applications for funding to support programs that bring technology closer to the individuals served. Through their Community Relations program, targeted community service projects focusing on technology are assisted.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Varies.

ELIGIBILITY: Non-profit organizations.

CONTACT: Community Relations, PeopleSoft, 4305 Hacienda Drive, P.O. Box 8015, Pleasanton, CA 94588-8615; telephone, 925/694-2705; For guidelines, see Web site, www.peoplesoft.com/corp/en/about/community/give_guide.jsp.

New Generations Program

PROGRAM: The Theatre Communications Group invites proposals to fund early-career theatre professionals to be mentored by an established professional in their field, and to assist nonprofit theatres with successful, innovative audience development programs (targeting young, culturally specific and under-served audiences). The goal of assisting the future of the nonprofit theatre is addressed by two focus areas of funding under this program: Mentoring the Leaders of Tomorrow, and Cultivating the Audiences of Tomorrow.

DEADLINE: Intent to Apply cards - June 16, 2003. Preliminary Proposals - July 7, 2003. An independent national panel will invite selected theatres to submit full applications based on Preliminary Proposals.

FUNDING: Mentoring the Leaders of Tomorrow - \$32,500 per year for a two-year mentorship (with the possibility of funds up to \$15,000 to repay student loans); and Cultivating the Audiences of Tomorrow - \$32,500 per year for two years (matching grant funds).

ELIGIBILITY: United States 501(c)(3) status organizations; for more specific eligibility requirements, see Web site.

CONTACT: Jenni Werner, Artistic Programs Associate; telephone, 212/609-5900, extension 281; e-mail, jwerner@tcg.org; Web site, www.tcg.org/frames/programs/fs_ap_ind.htm.

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