

GRANTS *Update*

December 2014



Letters About Literature Contest

Submission Deadline Grades 9-12: December 15, 2014

Submission Deadline Grades 4-8: January 15, 2015

Students write a letter to the author of a book, poem or speech telling how the work affected them personally and perhaps changed their thinking. Cash awards range from \$100 to \$1,000. For more information, visit:

<http://read.gov/letters/>



School Library Book Collections Funded

Application Deadline: December 15, 2014

Award Notification: May, 2015

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries helps school libraries to foster a love of reading and to make books available to students who otherwise would not have access to them. Grants of up to \$7,000 are available. Only schools with a minimum of 85% of the student body qualifying for the federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program are eligible. Grants are made to individual schools, not districts. For more information, visit:

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/>

Congratulations! **Teachers Awarded Funds to Support Student Success**

Two Dutchess BOCES teachers working in PEACCE classes recently received funding for unique projects that will benefit autism spectrum students. We applaud their efforts to go above and beyond for their students!

Lisa Slagle was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Hudson Valley Autism Society to bring a certified yoga instructor to her class at Arlington High School. Her goal was to build upon the skills her students began to develop by using DVDs for guidance.

Christine Fitzgerald was awarded funds for an organizational system to help her students to be successful. Mrs. Fitzgerald, who works at Union Vale Middle School, sought the funding through DonorsChose.org, an online donation site established to help teachers raise money.

Innovative Science Lab Programs Supported

Application Deadline: December 19, 2014

The Shell Science Lab Challenge, administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), recognizes outstanding middle and high school for their exemplary approaches to science lab instruction. The Challenge will showcase the work of teachers who submit innovative, replicable strategies to deliver quality lab experiences to their students utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Special attention will be given to teachers working with urban and underrepresented groups. The Grand Prize winning school will receive a lab makeover support package valued at \$20,000, five national finalists will each receive a lab makeover support package valued at \$8,500, and 18 district winners will each receive a lab makeover support package valued at \$3,000.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>

Field Trip Grants

Application Deadline: December 30, 2014

Award Notification: Late January

The Community Foundation, through a Dyson Foundation grant, offers a field trip grant program to distribute funds up to \$2,000 to public schools to enhance classroom learning opportunities.

For more information, visit:

<http://cfhvny.org/Receive/Grants/guidelines.aspx?id=5>



Matching Grants for Stringed Instruments

Application Deadline: December 31, 2014

The Classics for Kids Foundation provides matching grants for new stringed instruments such as violins, violas and cellos. Only K-12 programs are considered.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.classicsforkids.org/grants.htm>

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Poetry Grants

Letter of Intent Deadline: December 31, 2014

Award Notification: May 2015

The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry promotes poetry in American culture and encourages proposals that expand awareness of the positive effects of poetry on society. Past programming has included school poetry programs, reading series, and other programs that have focused on at-risk youth, minorities, people with disabilities, curriculum development, and more.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.bynnerfoundation.org/grants/index.htm>.

Community Action Grants to Benefit Girls' Education

Application Deadline: January 15, 2015

The American Association of University Women provides grants that support girls. Special consideration is given to K-12 proposals in science, technology, engineering, or math. Grants of \$2,000 to \$10,000 are awarded.

For more information, visit:

<https://aauw-cag.scholarsapply.org/>

Support for Children's Theater Initiatives

Application Deadline: January 15, 2015

Grants are available for drama or theater programs in education for children grades K-12. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Partnerships with community theaters are encouraged. For more information, visit

<http://www.childrenstheatretefoundation.org/page3/page14/index.html>

Funding Available for Reading Programs

Application Deadline: January 28, 2015

Award Notification: mid-April, 2015

The Big Read program supports community-wide reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. Funded programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, lectures, and other events.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

Fellowships for Teachers

Application Deadline: January 29, 2015

The Fund for Teachers awards fellowships to pre-K-12 classroom teachers throughout the United States so that they may participate in training and enriching activities that will improve their skills as teachers. Teachers must have a minimum of three years experience and be full-time. Teachers may apply with summer proposal as individuals (funding limit of \$5,000) or as a team (funding limit of \$10,000).

For more information, visit:

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply.php>

Grants for Hands-on Environmental Education

Application Deadline: January 31, 2015

The Captain Planet Foundation funds projects for students that produce environmental outcomes. Awards are between \$500 and \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to requests with matching or in-kind support. The goal is to inspire youth to commit to community service through environmental stewardship.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/#sthash.cmUnV9BF.dpuf>

*Applying for a grant? Received a grant?
Share the news!*

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Science & Math Teacher Innovator Grants - Two Tiers Available

Application Deadlines: Rolling for \$5,000 or less February 1, 2015 for greater than \$5,000

The Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Applications must be for project-based learning. Requests solely for computers will not be considered. For more information, visit:

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Award for Young Writers & Poets

Application Deadline: April 15, 2015

Award Notification: January 2016

This award, created by the Seaman family in memory of their daughter and sister, Claudia, who was a young poet, recognizes excellence in teen writing in poetry, fiction, and literary nonfiction.

For more information, visit:

<http://cfhvn.org/Receive/Grants/guidelines.aspx?id=21>

Environmental Science Education

Application Deadline: Rolling with year-round review

Science fair, Earth Day, and natural resource projects are supported through grants from Waste Management, Inc. Third quarter funding is a priority and volunteerism from the community is preferred.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp>

Taconic IPA Science Education Grants

Application Deadline: February 15, 2015

Award Notification: May 2015

Secondary science teachers may be awarded grants to expand students' learning opportunities in the sciences through the acquisition of classroom and laboratory science equipment, including microscopes, temperature/light probes, software, and other laboratory tools. For more information, visit:

<http://cfhvn.org/Receive/Grants/guidelines.aspx?id=9>

Excellence in Teaching Global Studies and World Affairs

Application Deadline: April 1, 2015

Award Notification: May 2015

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley's Youth Education Committee announces an award for excellence in teaching. The award will recognize a high school teacher who excels in teaching global studies and world affairs. A cash prize will be awarded to the selected teacher. For more information, visit:

<http://cfhvn.org/Receive/Grants/guidelines.aspx?id=10>

My School Wish Grants

Application Deadline: Ongoing

MySchoolWish is an online communication tool in which schools can list their school needs (i.e. football helmets, copy paper, books, etc.) on their FuelMySchool page. Members of the community can become a real-life genie by granting school wishes online.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.fuelmyschool.com/schools/>

Wells Fargo Grants Support Education

Application Deadline: Rolling

The bank supports local communities across the country through grants and volunteer activities. Education, including K-12 achievement gaps, is one of the supported areas. Award notification is made usually within 120 days. To review the local funding guidelines and application procedures, visit:

https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/ny_guidelines

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Grants Promote Family Literacy

Application Deadline: Quarterly, Rolling

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy. The focus of the Foundation is developing and expanding literacy and educational programs. Grants range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed four times per year.

For more information, visit:

<http://wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply/ProfessionalDevelopment>

GrantStation Webinars

Webinar participants must register at least 24 hours before the webinar.

Each webinar is 90 minutes. Fee: \$89 per person, \$150 per site.

To register for the webinars listed below, visit:

<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx?id=330>

FREE Tour of the GrantStation Website

This tour will provide tips on the most effective way to use all of the valuable resources the website offers. There will be plenty of time for questions. This webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Visit the link above to register.

Building a Powerful Grants Strategy for 2015

This webinar will address the process of establishing a grants calendar. Included will be a discussion about a Grant Decision Matrix. This webinar will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 and is for beginning, intermediate and advanced grantwriters.

How to Craft a Proposal to a Foundation

On one hand, writing a grant proposal is quite simple and follows a basic formula. However, submitting a proposal may be your only chance to put the case for funding your organization in front of a foundation, so you want to be sure to do it right. Get invaluable tips in this webinar on developing a compelling narrative, what your proposal package should include, how to let your funder take the lead, and advice on techniques that get your proposal noticed. The webinar will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015. Visit the link above to register.



The Matching Grant Challenge

In this webinar you will explore the most common types of matching grants, how to cultivate and solicit matching grants, what you need to consider before you accept the grant, and how it impacts your organization. This webinar will be held on Tuesday January 20, 2015. Visit the link above to register.