

GRANTS *Update*

March 2014

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

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Shakespeare Productions for Schools (Community Partner Required)

Application Deadline: March 12, 2014

Shakespeare in American Communities, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, aims to reach middle and high school students in under served schools with high quality, live, professional productions of Shakespeare's plays. Performances may be held in the theater company's facility, a school, or a community venue, but must be conducted in partnership with schools or school districts. Matching grants of \$25,000 will be awarded. For more information, visit:

<http://www.shakespeareinamericancommunities.org/about/application-process/2014-2015-rfp>

Youth Nutrition and Physical Activity Funding

Application Deadline: March 14, 2014

The Champions for Healthy Kids program is a partnership of the General Mills Foundation, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The goal is to improve the eating and physical activity patterns of young people. Grants support programs to help youth (ages 2-18) to adopt a balanced diet and to be physically active. For more information, visit:

http://www.generalmills.com/en/responsibility/community_engagement/grants/champions_for_healthy_kids.aspx



National Science Foundation STEM Partnerships

Application Deadline: March 18, 2014

The STEM-C Partnerships program supports partnerships that promote effective K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. Opportunities include the Math and Science Partnership and Computing Education for the 21st Century.

http://nsf.gov/funding/funding_results.jsp?nsfOrgs=allorg&pubStatus=ACTIVE&queryText=stem-c&searchFunding=on&Submit.x=28&Submit.y=14



Autism Speaks Family Services Grants

**Application Deadline:
Letters of Intent: March 28, 2014**

The goal of Autism Speaks is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. Grants support programs nationwide that work to build the field of services for individuals with autism and to expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are provided in the following categories: Education, Recreation/Community Activities, and Young Adult/Adult Services. For more information, visit:

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/grants/community-grants>

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PTA Grants Promote Healthy Lifestyles for Young Children

Application Deadline: March 28, 2014

The Smart from the Start: Community Outreach Grant Program, an initiative of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), is dedicated to helping PTAs nationwide educate families about healthy lifestyles. This program supports locally-driven, grass roots prevention strategies that educate families about practical ways to ensure their children, ages three to five, achieve a balanced intake of nutritious foods and physical activity every day. Ten grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded to PTA Regions, Districts, and Councils.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3916>



Music, Education, and Grassroots Organizing Grants

Application Deadlines:

Questionnaire – April 1, 2014

Letter of Intent – April 15, 2014

Final Application – May 15, 2014

The Sparkplug Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the fields of music, education, and grassroots organizing. In the music category, the Foundation supports emerging professional musicians or music-development programs. In education, projects that deal with “the whole student” and with learning as a community activity are preferred. Through grassroots organizing, the Foundation encourages activist strategies for addressing institutional injustices and for building a reasoned, just society.

For more information, visit:

<http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>



USDA Farm to School Grants

Application Deadlines:

Conference/Event Grant – April 2, 2014

Planning, Implementation/Support Grants – April 30, 2014

Award Notification: November 2014

Grants available for farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. Competitive grants awarded for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. New in 2015, USDA will make approximately an additional \$500,000 available to eligible entities to support conferences, trainings, and events focused on farm to school program development. Additional grants awarded for planning, implementation and support services.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/fy-2015-farm-school-grant-program-funds-available>

Excellence in Teaching Global Studies and World Affairs

Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

Award Notification: May 2014

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Dutchess, Orange, Putnam or Ulster County high school teacher who excels in teaching Global Studies and World Affairs. A cash prize will be awarded to the selected teacher.

<http://www.cfhvny.org/page30019.cfm>

The Claudia Ann Seaman Awards for Young Writers and the CAS Hudson Valley Poetry Award

Application Deadline: April 15, 2014

The Claudia Ann Seaman (CAS) Awards for Young Writers were created by the Seaman family in memory of their daughter and sister, a young poet. The CAS Awards acknowledge excellence in teen writing nationally in poetry, fiction, and literary nonfiction. The CAS Awards are also pleased to acknowledge excellence in poetry locally with the Hudson Valley Poetry Award.

<http://cfhvny.org/Receive/Grants/Grant-Programs>

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ING Unsung Heroes Awards

Application Deadline: April 30, 2014

Awards provide educators funding for innovative class projects. Full-time educators, teachers, principals, para-professionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning are eligible. 100 finalists, one from each state, receive a \$2,000 award. Additional awards are made.

For more information, visit:

www.unsungheroes.com.

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant

Application Deadline: May 22, 2014

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General in 40 states. Youth Literacy Grants support schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations that work to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading.

For more information, visit:

http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx



Home Depot Community Impact Grants

Application Deadline: August 15, 2014

The Home Depot provides support to nonprofit organizations and public service agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, weatherization, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing or community facilities including schools. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

For more information, visit:

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/corporateresponsibility/HDFoundation/Pages/ComimpactGrant.aspx>

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Grant

Application Deadline: September 5, 2014
Award Notification for 2015 InvenTeams: October 15, 2014

The Lemelson-MIT Program awards InvenTeam grants of up to \$10,000 to teams of high school students, teachers, and mentors who invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Each InvenTeam of 5-15 high school students chooses its own issue to address, and they rely on inquiry and hands-on problem solving as they apply lessons from science, technology, engineering, and math to develop invention prototypes. Applicants are encouraged to consider needs of the world's poorest people when brainstorming invention ideas. Science, math, and technology educators at high schools and nonprofit educational organizations are eligible to apply.

For more information, visit:

<http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/apply.html>

Student Achievement Grants

Application Deadline: October 15, 2014
Award Notification: January 2015

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. The grant amounts available are \$2,000 and \$5,000.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.nea.org/>

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Learning & Leadership Grants

Application Deadline: October 15, 2014

The NEA Foundation provides grants to support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study. All \$5,000 group grant applicants must include partner information.

<http://www.nea.org/>

Award Notification: January 2015

Newspapers for the Classroom

Application Deadline: Rolling—first come, first served

USA Today Education provides a number of grants to provide complimentary access to the e-newspaper for the classroom beginning in January through the end of the school year. The goal is to make USA Today's content available to help prepare students to succeed with Common Core Standards.

To apply, or for more information, visit:

<http://usatodayeducation.com/k12/usa-today-education-grant-request>

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

Coca-Cola Foundation Grants

Application Deadline: Rolling

The Coca-Cola Foundation supports programs that focus upon, water stewardship, healthy and active lifestyle/nutritional education, community recycling, and education, including drop-out prevention and educational initiatives. All applications must be submitted online.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.coca-colacompany.com/stories/the-coca-cola-foundation>

Grants Promote Family Literacy in the U.S.

Application Deadline: Quarterly, Rolling

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote family literacy in the United States. The focus of the Foundation's grantmaking is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed four times per year. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Donation Request Form.

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

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Webinars

Webinar participants must register at least 24 hours before the webinar.
To register for any of the webinars listed below, visit:
<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx>

How to Secure Funding from Foundations

March 13, 2014, 2:00 PM Eastern Time
Duration: 90 minutes
Fee: \$89.00 per person, \$150.00 per site

The webinar will provide a thorough grounding about foundations, including how many there are, who runs them, and trends in foundation giving. The focus will be on what motivates foundations to give and how you can determine if they might support your organization. Topics include: types of foundations, styles of approach, determining funding needs, finding the best prospect, and creating a winning grant proposal.

Tour of the GrantStation Website

March 25, 2014, 2:00 PM Eastern Time
Duration: 90 minutes
Fee: FREE

This tour will provide tips on the most effective way to use all of the valuable resources the website offers, including the extensive funder databases that can help you identify the right grantmaker for any program or project.

Build Organizational Capacity with This No-Cost Tool

March 28, 2014, 2:00 PM Eastern Time
Duration: 90 minutes
Fee: \$89.00 per person, \$150.00 per site

In this 90 minute webinar, you will learn how to go beyond the basics when using Google Apps tools to create, collaborate on, and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, and forms. Organize your approach to seeking grants and managing grant awards using this no-cost system.

Grants: How to Get Them and What to Do Next

April 10, 2014, 2:00 PM Eastern Time
Duration: 90 minutes
Fee: \$89.00 per person, \$150.00 per site

This webinar explores the ins and outs of grantseeking, providing some very specific advice about how to be successful at securing outside funding from both foundations and corporations. Topics covered include: types of grants, types of grant support, alternatives to cash grants, and how to determine where grants fit in your overall funding scheme.