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Introduction

Grants funding can come from federal, foundation, state, local, corporate, and private sources. Funding and in-kind donations are available from the most obvious and the most obscure places. You just have to ask! The purpose of this handbook is to provide educators, both traditional and non-traditional, with basic information about available funding sources that are **targeted for educational and/or environmental programs or projects**. We have tried to include a variety of sources that make it easy for educators (and students) to apply for and win a grant. This handbook is by no means inclusive of all available funding, but we hope that it will become a valuable resource for you. We plan to revise the listings in this handbook periodically by adding new resources as they become available and updating existing ones.

This handbook includes three types of grantmakers: foundations (nonprofit, nongovernmental organization), corporate (for profit, nongovernmental organizations) and private. We have not included community or federal grantmakers specifically, but have general contact information for both in the Resources section on page 52.

In addition to financial support, corporate grantmakers often provide in-kind gifts and other types of support. For example a major clothing corporation may donate gift cards or merchandise to your project, while an office supply company may also donate products. We have included some of these types of corporate grantmakers. Check with those included, as well as other retailers that you frequent, to see what type of support they can provide.

How do I get started?

Think of this handbook as the beginning. It is intended to be a simple *starting point* in your journey to find funding for your projects and programs. Once you have started on your journey, many more doors will open to you. A variety of list serves can help you learn about grants available from different organizations as they are announced. In addition, think about attending workshops or seminars on grants to increase your knowledge about the grantmaking process and improve your proposal writing skills.

1. Begin by writing up your project or program idea in a fairly detailed but concise format. Think through the who, what, why, when, and how of your project. Once you have your project clearly articulated in a concise document of about 2-3 pages, use it as a template to refer to and revise as you go along in this process.
2. Next, gather all your supporting materials. Verify your school tax status. Then obtain your schools 501 (c)(3) letter and tax ID Number (the majority of the grantmakers in this handbook require the recipients to have 501 (c)(3) status). Make several copies of the letter and keep it with your proposal template.
3. Then, flip through this handbook to determine which grants seem right for your project or program. You can use the **Icon Keys** located in the top right hand corner of each page to search by dollar amount or project/curriculum OR use the Cross Reference Index on page 56 to find grants that specify the creation of curriculum/projects, or provide funds over or under \$1,000. For example, if you know your project or program is going to need a \$1,500 grant, check out the grants available in the *More than \$ 1,000* section of the Cross Reference Index.

Involving your students:

Keep your students in mind when considering applying for funding. How can you get them involved? The earlier in the process you involve them, the more invested they will become in the project or program. When you share some of the responsibility of the grant seeking process with your students it will ensure a higher level of motivation and participation from your students. Many grantmakers encourage student involvement and may look *more* favorably on your proposal if students have played an active part in developing it. Below are several suggestions for involving students in the grant writing process.

- Have students write the initial who, what, when, where, why and how summary of the project before the grant application process begins.
- Have students search the Internet to find grant matches with their project proposals.
- Have students research the grantmaking organization to find out their areas of interest that should be reflected in the grant application.
- Divide the grant application form into separate sections. Assign pairs of students to work on different sections. Assign two or three groups of students to the same section of a grant proposal. Have them critique each other's final piece and rewrite a new one based on the best work of each group.
- Have students review the grant requirements and guidelines before submitting a proposal. Ask them to develop a scoring tool that evaluates the appropriateness of the grant for your project needs.
- Have groups complete grant applications to different grantmakers for the same project. Submit a compilation of the best ones.
- Have students make the initial phone calls to grantmakers to request additional information and the program guidelines. Develop a set of talking points for students to use during the call.
- Ask students to act as "editors," giving feedback on the language and clarity of the grant application before submission.
- Have students write to other schools/teachers who have received funding for similar projects from the intended grantmaker. The "recent grantees" information is available in the Annual Report or on the website of most grantmaking organizations.

I have found some potential matches, now what?

Now the real work begins. Review your list of potential funders. If they have a web site, visit it and carefully review all of the information about the funding program — including the funding guidelines, program interest, past grantees, and mission of the funding organization. If this information is not available on their web site or they don't have a web site, call, fax, or e-mail them directly and ask to have the guidelines sent to you.

Review the grant guidelines carefully. Many of your initial questions can be answered by reading the guidelines. Guidelines will tell you about:

submission deadlines

eligibility

proposal format

award levels

restrictions on the margins, spacing

evaluation process

number of pages

timetable budgets

funding goals and priorities

whom to contact

other submission requirements

Most “home pages” of the smaller corporate and foundation grantmakers’ web sites will bring you to the appropriate page for their grant information. For larger organizations, especially governmental organizations and corporations, it may be tricky to find the correct page. Try searching under **community interests, corporate citizenship, social responsibility**, etc. under the “About Us” or “Company Information” tab.

Once you have reviewed the guidelines, either on the web site or in print, and the organization seems like a good match, CALL TO VERIFY the status of the program. This is a very important step because crucial information about the grant may not be up to date, especially on a web site. For example, you may find that the program interest has changed, that a grantmaker is no longer accepting unsolicited proposals, or that due to financial restrictions, a company merger, or other circumstances, the program is temporary unavailable. Plan on making **at least two calls** to the organization. Initially, call to verify the basic information and then call again to verify the fine details after you have completed the application process and are ready to send your proposal.

During the first call, verify the:

- Application availability (when will the application for the next round be available if this year’s deadline has passed?)
- Deadline (is this a rolling, quarterly, or deadline that varies by year?)
- Program interest (does it match your project or curricular goals?)
- Any restrictions, or limitations (private/public school, subject discipline, geographic area, etc.)
- Proposal, application details (page limits, paper size, supporting documentation, etc.)
- Also, request the organization’s Annual Report and listing of previous grantees for the last several years (have they funded projects/programs like yours in the past?)

During the next call, verify the:

- Mailing address and contact person to receive the completed proposal (there may be personnel changes or a new mailing address)
- Submission format (fax acceptable?, mail only? plastic cover/binding preferred or discouraged?)
- Supporting documentation (necessary? discouraged?)
- Site visit (will they want to conduct one?)
- Interim/final report (is it a requirement? What will be expected?)

Demystifying the Lingo

No two grantmakers are the same and neither are their application processes. One grantmaker may simply require you to complete a 1-page **application** that can be downloaded from their website, while another grantmaker may request a **proposal** and other documentation, while yet another might ask you to submit a **cover letter** detailing your request. What's the difference?

An **application** is typically a form provided by the organization, either on their web site to be printed out, downloaded, or available upon request. Occasionally, some grantmakers may have applications available at their local stores or branch offices.

A **cover letter** typically includes the following: (limit to 1 page on organization letterhead):

- Organization (who you are and your brief background)
- Purpose of funding (what you plant to do with the money)
- Amount of your request should appear in the first paragraph (exactly how much you want)
- A contact name, phone number and address (e-mail and fax if applicable)

A **proposal** typically includes the following: (length may vary depending on organization but short, concise is best)

1. **Description of your school** or class discipline.

Who are we and how do we qualify to meet this need?

What is the purpose of this project/program?

What specific goals are we trying to achieve?

How does this funding request relate to the grantmaker's purpose, objectives, and priorities?

2. Statement about **how your project will be implemented and the results** you expect.

What specific objectives can be accomplished and how?

How will results be measured?

Who will do what?

What actions will you take to achieve your goals?

What steps must you take to achieve success?

What measurable milestones will you reach in meeting those goals?

How will you and the grantmaker know that you are making progress towards your goals?

3. A **total budget projection**, including other funds expected and the amount of your request.

How much money will the entire project/program cost?

What are other sources of funding you will be receiving?

How much money/materials are you requesting?

4. A **Statement of Need**.

What problem are you addressing?

What need is your project or program meeting?

Who will benefit and how?

5. Description of **how your proposal will fill any gaps** in other similar project/programs.

How is your project/program approach innovative or creative? How does it not "reinvent the wheel"?

6. A **general schedule** or timeline.

When will actions take place?

What are the start and end dates

What are the projected outcomes?

How will the activities be scheduled?

7. **Supporting materials** on the last pages of your document only if they are requested or you have received approval to include them.

10 THINGS TO DO TO ENSURE A GREAT PROPOSAL

1. MAKE THE RIGHT MATCH

Identify the right funding sources for your project.

2. GET THE FACTS

Contact the grantmakers to get specific information on the process, program interest, and deadlines.

3. BE ON TIME

Submit on or before the deadline.

4. BE CLEAR

Define your project clearly and concisely. Have all the details of the project well thought out from beginning to end.

5. KEEP THE LANGUAGE SIMPLE

Don't use any educational lingo that may confuse the reader. Reviewers may or may not be in the educational field. Use their language to connect to your project/program.

6. KEEP IT UPBEAT

Write in a positive tone that suggests your proposal will meet a need and will be successful. Leave out the "gloom and doom."

7. PROFESSIONAL LOOK

Submit a typewritten proposal. Have someone else read it for simple errors and clarity.

8. SEND IT TO THE RIGHT PERSON

Address the proposal as directed in the guidelines and verify to make sure that your contact is correct. Use a specific contact name, department, and address.

9. INCLUDE ALL THE RIGHT STUFF

Include all the required documentation as outlined in the guidelines. Don't forget authorized signatures as necessary!





10. FOLLOW-UP

Contact the funding source about the status, evaluation, and outcome of your proposal.

Regional Grants



This chapter includes grants available to K-12 teachers or schools on the **regional level only**. Grants are in alphabetical order by the name of the funding organization. By regional, we mean grants that are open only to applicants in the Chesapeake Bay watershed states: Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware and New York. In some cases, grant restrictions occur for certain counties or even specific towns in which funding organizations have a presence.


About the Icons


KEY	
≤	Less than \$1,000
\$	More than \$1,000
	Project Based
	Curriculum Based
	Easy Application
	Rolling Deadline

Each grant entry contains one or more corresponding icons that provide at-a-glance information about the grantmaker and the grant program.

Grants that award less \$1,000 are indicated by the less than or equal to symbol (≤), while awards of more than \$1,000 are indicated by the dollar symbol (\$). Whenever possible we have tried to include the exact amount awarded. While some funding levels are very specific, others vary from year to year or depending on the type and number of proposals received.

When an organizations' funding interest specifies the creation of a completed project, we indicate it by the hand icon (). When the funding interest specifies the creation of some type of curriculum we note it by the book icon (). Keep in mind that many grantmakers provide very general guidelines that do not specifically mention curriculum or projects. Call to get additional information about exactly what types of projects or curriculum programs they will fund.


Whenever we came across a grantmaker whose web site was viewer friendly and made all of the information available online, including the ability to download or print out an application for the grant, we indicate it by the paper symbol (.

Deadlines may be one of the biggest reasons that proposals are disqualified. It is easy to miss a deadline or learn about a grant only weeks or days before its deadline – and it can be frustrating when you have to wait until next year. There is not a standard schedule for all grantmakers. Some grantmakers set their deadlines according to the fiscal year for financial reasons and work on a quarterly deadline. More often a deadline is set for other reasons. Those grantmakers who allow for a “rolling deadline”– which means that proposals are accepted throughout the year– are indicated by the circular arrow symbol (.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 Rolling Deadline

The Boeing Company

Description of Grant: The Boeing Company reserves the largest single block of company contributions for education, including K-12 programs across the nation and in the places where Boeing has operations. Their kindergarten through grade 12 efforts are concentrated on schools and districts near Boeing sites. School districts must have a strategic plan that focuses on high academic standards, a commitment to improving student achievement, and effective school-to-work strategies.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

For Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia

Community Relations
The Boeing Company
Attn.: Brandi McConnon
1200 Wilson Blvd.
M/C RS-00
Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: 703-465-3684

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: <http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/community/guidelines.htm#educ>


Special Note: Boeing also has a Civic and Environment Program which provides contributions for: capital campaigns, seed money (one-time grants) for new programs or projects that address community needs and priorities, and one-time grants to buy equipment, improve facilities, or enable special projects.

Boeing also donates surplus goods and in-kind services See their web page for additional details.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 Rolling Deadline

Chesapeake Bay Trust

Description of Grant: The Chesapeake Bay Trust offers grants for qualified activities proposed by nonprofit organizations, community associations, civic groups, schools, and public agencies that contribute to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The Trust favors action-oriented activities. Projects that unite business, government and citizen groups in activities that contribute to the restoration and protection of the Bay are encouraged. Priority is given to two principal areas: education projects that promote a behavior change toward the Bay and the performance of restoration activities that utilize volunteers.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Proposals under \$1,000 are welcomed throughout the year.

Contact Information

Chesapeake Bay Trust
60 West Street, Suite 200A
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Phone: 410-974-2941
Fax: 410-269-0387
E-Mail: postmaster@cbtrust.org
Web-site: www.chesapeakebaytrust.org

Special Note: Applications for grants over \$1,000 must be received not later than 45 days prior to the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees. Contact CBT for upcoming deadlines.

KEY

 Project Based

Garden Resources of Washington, DC

Description of Grant: Garden Resources of Washington, DC provides funds for project expenses such as seeds, plants, tools, and other gardening supplies through its DC Community Greening Mini-grants program. Educational materials are available to community and youth groups, school and other groups in Washington, DC.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Garden Resources of Washington, DC
1419 V Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 202-234-0591

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: GROW19@aol.com

Web-site: n/a

Special Note: Successful projects have strong community leadership, community-building or youth development purposes, an environmentally beneficial selection of plants and knowledgeable plan for organic soil preparation etc. Grantees are required to submit a final report.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

Institute of Ecosystem Study's / Baltimore Ecosystem Study

Description of Grant: Institute of Ecosystem Study's/Baltimore Ecosystem Study provides seed money for school projects. The seed money is available for student and teacher generated long term ecological research projects in the Baltimore metropolitan area. BES is particularly interested in school projects that address ecological history and social ecology, urban climate and air control, urban hydrology and water quality, plants and people in the urban ecosystem, animals in the urban landscape, soil ecology, and schoolyard ecosystems.

Application Form Required? Yes No
Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: \$1,500.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Alan R. Berkowitz
BES Education Team Leader
Institute of Ecosystem Studies
PO Box R
Millbrook, NY 12545

Phone: n/a
Fax: 845-677-6455
E-Mail: berkowitz@ecostudies.org
Web-site: n/a

Special Note: Grantees are required to submit a final report.

Mars Foundation

Description of Grant: The Mars Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of arts and culture, animal/wildlife, civic and community, education and environment.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Not specified.

Deadline: October 15 annually.

Contact Information

Mars Foundation
6885 Elm Street
McLean, VA 22101

Phone: 703-821-4900

Fax: 703-448-9678

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: n/a

Special Note: Grants are generally awarded to organizations that function in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Requests must be submitted on their Grant Application Form. Supporting documentation is encouraged.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👉 Project Based

📄 Easy Application

PG&E Corporation

Description of Grant: PG&E Corporation established the Environmental Education Grant Program to encourage and support educators and conservation groups with innovative ideas for educating young people about our environment. Grants will help foster an understanding of challenges facing our environment with an emphasis on solutions improving local environmental quality. K-12 schools and local, non-profit groups that are engaged in educational projects related to conservation and the environment are eligible.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Up to \$5,000.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

PG&E National Energy Group
Environmental Education Grant Program
Attn: Amy McWethy
7600 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Phone: 301-280-6685
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: amy.mcwethy@neg.pge.com
Web-site: www.neg.pge.com/grantProgram.html

Special Note: Programs must be in a state with a PG&E National Energy Group (NEG) facility in development, construction, or operation.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

📖 Curriculum Based

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Education

Description of Grant: The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Education offers several funding opportunities for teachers/schools through their PA Environmental Education grants program. The program is organized in "tracks", including: School Integration Track (\$15,000 to plan/integrate the academic standards for environment and ecology), School Mini-Grant track (\$1,000 for educational resources and or transportation aimed at having students understand their roles as steward of their watersheds) and a School Special Program track (\$12,000 for planning/implementing a classroom program using the environment as a integrated context).

Application Form Required? Yes No

Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Varies depending on track.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

PA DEP
Pennsylvania Environmental Education Grants Program
EE Center, First Floor
Rachel Carson State Office Building
PO Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Phone: 717-772-1828

Fax: 717-705-4093

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: www.dep.state.pa.us/depuate/EnviroEd/overviewofchanges.htm.

Special Note: Visit the DEP web site for detailed information, and to download the Environmental Education Grants Program Manual and Forms. Grantees are required to submit a final report.

KEY	
≤	Less than \$1,000
👤	Project Based

Redskins All-Stars

Description of Grant: The Redskins All-Stars program is designed to recognize and encourage community service, dedication and teamwork among area youth. The Council will provide each registered group with a \$100 voucher good at participating Home Depot locations in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to help defray the costs of project related expenses such as paint, trash bags, and building supplies.

The winning organizations will be those whose projects leave a lasting impression upon the community and convey the spirit of community service. Prize money will be awarded in the following amount: \$10,000 (1 winner), \$7,500 (2 winners), \$5,000 (3 winners) and \$2,500 (4 winners).

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Varies

Deadline: November 30 annually.

Contact Information

n/a

Phone: 703-877-2111

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: www.redskins.com/allstars.asp

Special Note: Groups of children in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, between the ages of 5-18 years, are eligible to participate with the assistance of youth leaders, teachers, coaches, or parents. Stop by participating Bank of America branch locations throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to pick up a registration form.

KEY



Project Based



Rolling Deadline

Robins Foundation

Description of Grant: The Robins Foundation looks for opportunities to improve the lives and opportunities of Virginians through grants to non-profit organizations. They favor projects that bring people and resources together to meet a need, and have a lasting impact. Categories of support include, but are not limited to: cultural, charitable, scientific, environmental, and educational. The General Grants program is open to a wide range of causes. Most grants are awarded on a competitive basis, based on the importance of the need, consistency with the Robins Foundation's priorities, clarity of goals, and potential benefits of the grant, among other criteria.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Preliminary proposals may be submitted at anytime.

Contact Information

Correspondence for the staff may be addressed to:

Robins Foundation
P.O. Box 1124
Capitol Station
Richmond, Virginia 23218-1124

Materials may be sent by express to:

Robins Foundation
c/o Wachovia Bank
James Center Two, 6th floor
1021 East Cary Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: 804- 697-7554

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~robinsfdn/index.html>

Special Note: Applications are accepted quarterly and grant awards are made twice a year, in June and December. This program has a two-step process, which begins with a preliminary proposal. Copies of the form to be used are available from the Robins Foundation office in Richmond. Grantmaking is normally limited to the Richmond metropolitan area. The Richmond Metropolitan area consists of the cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell and Colonial Heights and the nine surrounding counties.

TKF Foundation

Description of Grant: The TKF Foundation is dedicated to supporting Open Space, Sacred Spaces and Community Greening in Annapolis, MD, Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC areas. Its purpose is to fund organizations whose goals and programs benefit the connection of the human environment with the natural environment. The Open Spaces, Sacred Places program welcomes grant requests for projects such as community parks, recreation paths, and Bay buffers. The Community Greening program encourages community-based initiatives through small-scale plantings of flowers, trees, shrubs, and foliage, as well as urban gardens.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Varies.
They also support a community celebration in connection with the finished project.

Deadline: *Open Spaces, Sacred Places* program
Oct 1- proposal deadline for January 15 decision.
April 1- proposal deadline for July 15 decision.

Community Greening program
August 1- proposal deadline for November 15 decision.

Contact Information

Mary F. Wyatt, Executive Director
The TKF Foundation
410 Severn Avenue, Suite 309
Annapolis, MD 21403

Phone: 410-263-1056
Fax: 410-280-7675
E-Mail: tkffdn@aol.com
Web-site: www.tkffdn.org

Special Note: TKF requires that the applicant use a common grant form that can be obtained from either the Foundation or the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers. Grants are restricted to the purpose of creating new projects. Final report and pictures of the completed project are required. Site visits may be scheduled.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

📖 Curriculum Based

Virginia Environmental Endowment

Description of Grant: The Virginia Environmental Endowment supports community-based efforts to strengthen environmental education and to promote stewardship of Virginia's waterways through its Virginia Mini-Grant Program. These grants are intended to be one-time, start-up grants, and preference is given to modest local projects. Public and private schools (K-12) and nongovernmental, nonprofit community organizations in Virginia are eligible to apply for one-year awards up to \$5,000. Local, state, and federal government agencies and programs are not eligible.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web page for specific application process.

Funding Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000.

Deadline: March 15, August 1, and December 1 annually.

Contact Information

Delivery by mail:

Gerald P. McCarthy, Executive Director
Virginia Environmental Endowment
P.O. Box 790
Richmond, VA 23218-0790

Package delivery:

1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1400
Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: 804-644-5000

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: <http://www.vee.org/>

Special Note: VEE's main areas of interest are environmental education and water quality protection. The aim is to increase training in environmental education for educators and school administrators and to expand the use of existing educational resources (curricula, multi-media programs, publications, field studies) in schools and community programs. Projects must focus on water quality, land use, and/or sustainable communities. Projects must also include training for teachers/project leaders and service learning activities that engage students and community members in research to solve environmental problems. Interim and final reports required.

K E Y

≤ Less than \$1,000

👉 Project Based

The Washington Post

Description of Grant: The Grants in Education funded by the Washington Post provides an opportunity for teacher to apply for funds over and above those in the approved school budget to implement creative and innovative ideas that enrich the standard curriculum.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Averages \$300 not exceeding \$500.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Grants in Education
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20071

Phone: 202-234-7969

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: www.washpost.com/community/education/gea.shtml

Special Note: Grants are awarded to classroom teachers in grades K-12 in the following jurisdictions: DC, Maryland: Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties. Virginia: Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park, and Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquir, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford counties.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

∪ Rolling Deadline

Westinghouse Electric Company

Description of Grant: The Westinghouse Electric Company provides Education Grants to support elementary, secondary, and high school programs that emphasize math and science through its Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program. Westinghouse encourages programs that help to meet the needs of populations such as the disadvantaged, the young, the elderly, minorities, and people with disabilities.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web page for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Maximum of \$5,000.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

Lynnann S. Reid
Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program
PO Box 355
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0355

Phone: n/a

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: www.westinghouse.com

Special Note: The Education Program makes contributions to nonprofit organizations in Southwestern Pennsylvania and other communities throughout the United States where Westinghouse has a local presence. Areas include: Rockville, MD. Requests should be submitted directly to the Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program or a local Westinghouse plant location, if applicable.

Awards are made on a quarterly basis. Notification of funding decision occurs within 6 months from initial submission date.

National Grants

This chapter includes grants available to K-12 teachers or schools on the **national level only**. You will be competing with other grant seekers across the United States for these grants. All grants in this section are organized in alphabetical order by the name of the grant maker.

About the Icons

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Grants that award less \$1,000 are indicated by the *less than or equal to* symbol (≤), while awards of more than \$1,000 are indicated by the dollar symbol (\$). Whenever possible we tried to include the exact amount awarded. Keep in mind that while some funding levels are very specific, others vary from year to year or depending on the type and number of proposals received.

When an organization’s funding interest specifies the creation of a completed project, we indicate it by the hand symbol (👉). When the funding interest specifies the creation of some type of curriculum we note it by the book symbol (📖). Many grant makers provide very general guidelines that do not specifically mention curriculum or projects. Call to get additional information about exactly what types of projects or curriculum programs they will fund.

Whenever we came across a grant maker whose web site was viewer friendly and made all of the grant information available online, including downloadable or printable application for the grant, we indicate it by the paper symbol (📄).

Deadlines may be one of the biggest reasons that proposals are disqualified. Since there is no standard schedule for all grant makers, it is easy to miss a deadline or learn about a grant only weeks or days before its deadline. Some grant makers set their deadlines according to their fiscal year and work on a quarterly deadline. But more often a deadline is set for other reasons. Grant makers who allow for a “rolling deadline”– which means that proposals are accepted throughout the year – are indicated by the circular arrow symbol (↻).

K E Y

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

4-H Council

Description of Grant: The National 4-H Council has grants available for a variety of student initiated projects.

Application Form Required? Yes No
Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

National 4-H Council
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Phone: 301-961-2904

Fax: 301-961-2894


E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: www.4HCouncil.edu

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 Rolling Deadline

America the Beautiful Fund

Description of Grant: In 1965, the America the Beautiful Fund was created to preserve our national heritage and our landscapes. Their mission has always been to save both the natural and man-made beauty in America. Currently supporting volunteer community projects in all 50 states, their programs have resulted in real community successes. America the Beautiful provides seeds free-of-charge under various programs. Schools only pay shipping and handling (about \$14.95) for first set of 100 packets.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Seeds only.

Deadline: None.

Contact Information

America the Beautiful Fund
1730 K St. NW
Suite 1002
Washington, DC 20006

Phone: 800-846-8733

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/html/abf/news/FreeSeeds_order.htm

Special Note: Grants of 100 to 1,000 seed packets are being offered on the basis of availability and relative need. These seeds have germination rates of 85% - 95%.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

The Captain Planet Foundation

Description of Grant: The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to fund and support hands-on environmental projects for children and youth. Their objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

Application Form Required? Yes No
See web page for application guidelines and form.

Funding Amount: Generally \$250- \$25,000.

Deadline: December 31 annually.


Contact Information

Sona Chambers
The Captain Planet Foundation
One CNN Center, 6 North
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Phone: n/a
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web site: www.captainplanetfdn.org

Special Note: Final report is required.

KEY

 Curriculum Based

 Project Based

 Easy Application

The Coca-Cola Foundation

Description of Grant: The Coca-Cola Foundation offers support to public and private colleges and universities, elementary and secondary schools, teacher-training programs, educational programs for minority students, and global educational programs. The Coca-Cola Foundation Classroom Teaching and Learning grant supports: Innovative K-12 public school programs, teacher development programs, and smaller projects dealing with specific activities in the elementary and secondary classroom.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Not specified.

Deadline: Proposals are reviewed quarterly. March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1.

Contact Information

The Coca-Cola Foundation
Grants Administration
P.O. Box 1734
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Phone: n/a

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: <http://www2.coca-cola.com/citizenship/foundation.html>

Special Note: Final report is required.

Corning Foundation

Description of Grant: Selected elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, and four-year institutions of higher learning are the consistent beneficiaries of Corning Foundation support. Corning's areas of involvement have included community service programs for students, curriculum enrichment, student scholarships, facility improvement, and instructional technology projects for the classroom.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Mrs. Kristin A. Swain
President
Corning Incorporated Foundation
MP-LB-02
Corning, New York 14831

Phone: n/a
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: corning.com/inside_corning/foundation.asp

KEY

≤ Less than \$1,000

👉 Project Based

📄 Easy Application

∞ Rolling Deadline

Do Something!

Description of Grant: *Do Something!* is a nationwide network of young people who are taking action to change the world around them. A *Do Something!* grant is for the purpose of starting a *Do Something!* club at your school. As part of a *Do Something!* club, you and your friends identify the issues you care about and design community projects to turn your ideas into action. *Do Something!* provides resources and support to help you make it happen!

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application form and procedures available on web.

Funding Amount: \$500.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

Do Something!

Attn: Starter Kit Grants

423 West 55th Street, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10019

Phone: 212-582-1307

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: advice@dosomething.org

Web site: www.dosomething.org

Special Note: This grant is for students between the ages of 12 and 18 who have an adult mentor at school to support their work.

The DUNN Foundation

Description of Grant: The Dunn Foundation actively identifies and supports educational programs enhancing young people's understanding of the visual environment. Visual environmental education is multifaceted and includes the natural environment, art, architecture, conservation, preservation, community planning, economics and civics. At its core, visual environmental education is about reconnecting youth with their physical surroundings and heightening their awareness of visual pollution. Grants may be made for the development of new programs as well as the expansion of existing programs.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Grants range from \$500 - \$10,000.

Deadline: Pre-application letter is due January 15 each year.

Contact Information

Richard C. Youngken
Executive Director
The Dunn Foundation
333 Strawberry Field Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: 401-941-3009
Fax: 401-7380-1535
E-Mail: dunnfndn@tiac.net
Web-site: www.dunnfoundation.org

Special Note: The DUNN Foundation is looking for programs that are consistent with the overall goals and mission of the Foundation and that, ideally, use their curriculum, *ViewFinders*, or *ViewFinders Too*. Pre-application letter due January 15. If your request is appropriate for their mission, you will be invited to submit a formal funding proposal by March 15.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

🔄 Rolling Deadline

FujiFilm

Description of Grant: Fujifilm grants a limited number of cash and product awards to eligible organizations through their Corporate Contributions Programs. Preference is given to those proposals that have relevance to their strategic interests - Environment, Education, Arts & Culture and Health & Human Services. In addition, they accept requests for Fuji film QuickSnap One-Time-Use cameras through their *Quick Snap for Learning* Programs.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Deadline: Applications are reviewed monthly.

Contact Information

Fuji Photo Film U.S.A., Inc
555 Taxter Road
Elmsford, NY 10523

Phone: 800-755-3854

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: www.fujifilm.com/JSP/fuji/epartners/givingPrograms.jsp?nav=2

Special Note: Fuji film awards a limited number of QuickSnaps based on educational value, outcomes, creativity and need to eligible organizations. A written report and photographs documenting your successful program are required within one month of the project completion date. The report should address how photography supported a learning experience in a unique and fun way. Students or other participants are encouraged to contribute to the writing of this report.

KEY

∪ Rolling Deadline

Gap Foundation

Description of Grant: The Gap Foundation donates GiftCards (gift certificates) to youth organizations and schools. GiftCards can be used to purchase merchandise in Gap, Banana Republic or Old Navy Stores. Gap Foundation also contributes plain white T-shirts with a Gap logo on the sleeve to nonprofit organizations.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Contact for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Gift cards or Tee Shirts only.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

Regional Office Phone:

Gap/GapKids: 800-427-7895

Banana Republic: 888-277-8953

Old Navy: 800-653-6289

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a


Web-site: www.gapinc.com/social_resp/foundation/money/funding_guidelines/gift_cards_body.shtm

Special Note: Contact a regional Gap office in your area to find out where requests should be sent.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 Rolling Deadline

Home Depot

Description of Grant: The Home Depot provides assistance to nonprofit organizations that direct efforts toward protecting our natural systems. The environmental grants program focuses on the following areas: forestry and ecology, green building design, clean up and recycling, and lead poisoning prevention.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Varies. May request Home Depot materials.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

Director, Community Affairs
The Home Depot
2455 Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta, GA 30339

Phone: 770-384-2345

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: www.homedepot.com

Special Note: Grant proposals are accepted throughout the year, but annual plans are formulated each winter for major projects.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

📖 Curriculum Based

📄 Easy Application

Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program

Description of Grant: The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program provides funds to teachers who would like to create a project to help students reach new heights. Applicants must develop an original lesson plan or thematic unit that demonstrates high student expectations. Grant funds must be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation or other costs related to field trips, software and other items required to implement and assess the proposed lesson or thematic unit.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web page for application process and form.

Funding Amount: \$2,500.

Deadline: June 15 annually.

Contact Information

Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program
Scholarship Management Services, CSFA
1505 Riverview Road, PO Box 297
St. Peter, MN 56082

Phone: 507-931-1682

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: jordanfundamentals@csfa.org

Web site: www.nikebiz.com

Special Note: This grant is only available to public school teachers who work with grades 6 through 12, and where at least 40% of the school's student population is eligible for free or reduced school lunch i.e., the school participates in the Title 1 program. Final report is required.

KEY	
≤	Less than \$1,000
👤	Project Based
📄	Easy Application

Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund

Description of Grant: The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund focuses on items necessary for enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and increase the educational value of the site. Creativity in design is encouraged, but must show complete and thoughtful planning. The use of and teaching about native plants is mandatory, and the plants must be appropriate to the site. The project leader should be knowledgeable and committed.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web page for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Generally \$100 - \$500.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Steve Maassen
SFE Director
Wild Ones Natural Landscapers
P. O. Box 1274
Appleton, WI 54912-1274


Phone: 877-FYI-WILD
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web site: <http://www.for-wild.com/seedmony.htm>

Special Note: Final report is required.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 Rolling Deadline

Lowe's Companies Inc.

Description of Grant: Lowe's Companies Inc., provides grants through their Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation. The Foundation focuses its efforts to support initiatives that address issues of concern to local communities, including projects that enhance the natural environment and community improvement initiatives.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: None.

Contact Information

Lowe's Companies, Inc.
Charitable and Educational Foundation
Mail Code RPS4
PO Box 1111
North Wilkesboro, NC 28656

Phone: 336-658-5544

Fax: n/a


E-Mail: community@lowes.com

Web-site: www.lowes.com/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/Community

Special Note: Materials request are also accepted. It is recommended that your local Lowe's store be your first point of inquiry when seeking charitable contributions of supplies and materials for specific community projects. Store Managers have limited funds for small-scale projects in their communities.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

 Curriculum Based

 Easy Application

National Education Association

Description of Grant: The National Education Association offers Innovation Grants to provide an opportunity for teachers and other educators to develop and implement innovations that significantly improve student learning. The Innovation Grants support two or more public school teachers or other educators who collaborate to develop and implement innovative ideas that result in high student achievement.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: \$2,000.

Deadline: March 15th annually.

Proposals are accepted anytime throughout the year. Those proposals submitted by March 15th will receive notification of an award by August 1.

Contact Information

NEA

Innovation Grants

1201 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-822-7840

Fax: 202-822-7779

E-Mail: n/a

Web-site: www.nfie.org

Special Note: Grants may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, and professional fees. Funds may also be used for professional development necessary to implement the idea.

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 Project Based

 Easy Application

National Gardening Association

Description of Grant: The National Gardening Association awards 400 Youth Garden Grants to schools, neighborhood groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational programs throughout the United States. Each grant consists of an assortment of quality tools, seeds, and garden products generously contributed by leading companies from the lawn and garden industry.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Materials only.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

National Gardening Association
1100 Dorset Street
South Burlington, VT 05403

Phone: 800-538-7476

Fax: 802-864-6889

E-Mail: joanw@kidsgardening.com

Web-site: www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp

Special Note: To be eligible, groups must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Selection of winners will be based on demonstration of a child-centered plan that emphasizes children directly learning and working in an outdoor garden. Selection criteria include leadership, need, sustainability, community support, innovation and educational, environmental and/or social programming.

National Geographic Society Education Foundation

KEY	
\$	More than \$1,000
👤	Project Based
📄	Easy Application

Description of Grant: The National Geographic Society's Education Foundation provides Teacher Grants to promote and increase the diffusion of geographic knowledge, foster innovation in geographic education, and encourage stewardship and conservation of Earth's natural and cultural resources in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teaching and learning. Teacher Grants are given directly to educators to facilitate their work in the classroom, school, district, and community.

Application Form Required? Yes No
See web page for application process and form.

Funding Amount: Up to \$5,000.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

National Geographic Society Education Foundation
ATTN: Grants Manager/ Teacher Grant Proposals
1145 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-4688

Phone: n/a
Fax: 202-857-7300
E-Mail: education@nationalgeographic.com
Web site: www.nationalgeographic.com/education/teacher_community.html

Special Note: National Geographic places a special emphasis on stewardship of Earth's cultural and biological diversity. The *Promoting Stewardship of Natural and Cultural Resources* category of this grant focuses on projects or curriculum that allow teachers to play a critical role in ensuring that children are (a) aware of the environmental implications of their community's actions, (b) able to balance the needs of today with the need to conserve resources for the future, and (c) interested in continuing to generate and share knowledge about the world around them and how to protect it.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

National Tree Trust

Description of Grant: Schools can apply to receive seedlings through the National Tree Trust Community Tree Planting Grant. This grant is a matching grant. Application must provide a one-to-one (\$1-\$1) match of grant value using non-federal funds. National Tree Trust provides one-year old, regionally appropriate tree seedling in increments of 100 per species. The minimum request is 300 trees.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: Seedlings, containers and money for soil only.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

National Tree Trust
1120 G Street, NW
Suite 770
Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 800-846-8733

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: info@nationaltreetrust.org

Web-site: www.nationaltreetrust.org/CTP/New%20CTP%20Page.htm

Special Note: The application process involves two forms: the *Seedling Request* form and the *Project information* form. All applicants must complete both forms to receive trees. The Seedling Request Form reserves trees for the applicant organization. The Project Information Form asks for additional information including a description of the application's planting project, shipping information and a description of the media plan if the event is being publicized. A checklist is also provided in the application packet to ensure applicants meet the requirements of the grant. An Annual Report and Budget Worksheet are required for two years after receipt of seedlings.

KEY

≤ Less than \$1,000

👉 Project Based

📄 Easy Application

National Wildlife Federation

Description of Grant: The National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitat Program provides materials and teacher training workshops for educators and school communities interested in creating or restoring wildlife habitat on their school grounds.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application available on web site.

Funding Amount: \$250.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Stacy Carr
Schoolyard Habitats Program Coordinator
11100 Wildlife Center Drive
Reston, VA 20190-5362

Phone: 800-822-9919
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: <http://www.nwf.org/schoolyardhabitats/index.cfm>

KEY

 Easy Application

Newman's Own

Description of Grant: Paul Newman donates all profits, after taxes, from the sale of his products for educational and charitable purposes. Grants are awarded annually to a wide range of organizations. Eligible categories include: children and youth, health, education, elderly, environment, the arts, handicapped, literacy, substance abuse education, and programs for the needy, including housing and food.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Grants typically range from \$500 to \$25,000.

Deadline: Proposals must be received by September 1 annually, but earlier submissions are encouraged.

Contact Information

Paul L. Newman - Newman's Own
246 Post Road East
Westport, CT 06880

Phone: n/a

Fax: n/a

E-Mail:

Web-site: www.newmansown.com/5b1_grants.html

Special Note: Grants are awarded by December 31 each year. They do not accept proposals via fax or e-mail.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

 Project Based

Patagonia

Description of Grant: Patagonia helps local groups working to protect local habitat. Patagonia funds only environmental work. They are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. They look for programs with a clear agenda for change and a strategic plan for achieving the organization's goals. Their funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Web page has detailed application procedure.

Funding Amount: Averages from \$3,000 to \$8,000.

Deadline: April 30 and August 31 annually.

Contact Information

Patagonia
1048 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Phone: 202-333-1776
Fax: na/
E-Mail: n/a
Web site: http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/enviro_grants.shtml

Special Note: If there is a retail store in your area, contact them first with your grant proposal. If there is not a local retail store, contact the Patagonia headquarters at the address below:

Kevin Parisot
Patagonia, Inc.
PO Box 150
Ventura, CA 93002

Phone: 805-643-8616

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

≤ Less than \$1,000

Project Learning Tree

Description of Grant: Project Learning Tree is providing small grants to eligible recipients for GreenWorks! Community Action Projects. The GreenWorks! grant is intended to encourage students to participate in community-based partnerships by developing and implementing action projects such as graffiti paint-overs, tree plantings, stream clean-ups, and recycling programs. This program was designed to offer PLT educators and their students the opportunity to make a real difference in the communities in which they live and work.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web page for application process.

Funding Amount: \$200 - \$1,000.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

GreenWorks! Grants
1111 19th Street, NW #780
Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 888-889-4466
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: www.plt.org/html/plt_in_action/grants.htm

Special Note: This grant is limited to teachers with Project Learning Tree training. Grant proposals are due in the fall, awards are made in December. Projects must be community/school based and have student/youth hands-on participation. In addition, projects must establish a local partnership to implement the project (i.e. school/PTA, school/local business, Girl Scout troop/civic organization). Applicants must raise 50% project matching funds; funds may be in-kind services/time. A final report is required.

SAM's CLUB Foundation

Description of Grant: The SAM'S CLUB Foundation has created the *Be a Good Neighbor Environmental Grant* as a tool to help fund a school's environmental efforts. Every location now has a \$500 grant to award to any qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. The grant can be used for projects such as: environmental education, recycling, planting of trees and shrubs, pollution control, and clean air/clean water efforts. The *Be a Good Neighbor Grant* is a fun and easy way to get the community involved and raise local awareness of environmental concerns.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Not specified. Contact local SAM's CLUB for details.

Contact Information

To learn more about receiving this grant from your local SAM'S CLUB, please see the Community Involvement Coordinator at the location closest to you

Phone: n/a
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: www.samsclub.com

Special Note: Also available: The Community Matching Grant. After approval for fundraising, the SAM'S CLUB Foundation will match up to \$1,000 of the funds raised at a SAM'S CLUB location. See the Community Involvement Coordinator at the location closest to you.

Sears-Roebuck Foundation

Description of Grant: The Sears-Roebuck Foundation provides grants to support organizations or programs that encourage community service and volunteerism. Their Local Community Contributions program, through your local Sears manager, can provide funding for individual community organizations.

Application Form Required? Yes No

See web site for specific application process.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information

For General Funding Questions:

Sears Community Relations
3333 Beverly Road
Location BC-112A
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179


Phone: na/
Fax: n/a
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: www.sears.com

Special Note: Funding requests for local organizations should be sent to the nearest Sears manager for consideration. In-kind donations of merchandise are also available.

KEY

 Project Based

 Easy Application

 More than \$1,000

Timberland

Description of Grant: Timberland provides grants through its Timberland Fund that focus on environmental conservation and preservation. In addition to project grants they also provide strategic grants of more than \$2,000.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Varies.

Deadline: Grants of less than \$2,000 are reviewed quarterly.

Contact Information

The Timberland Company
Social Enterprise/Grant Review
200 Domain Drive
Stratham, NH 03885

Phone: 888-802-9947

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: info@timberland.com

Web-site: http://www.timberland.com/cgi-bin/timberland/timberland/community_grants.jsp

Special Note: Project Grants deadline: November 1st; February 1st; May 1st; August 1st.
Strategic Grants - Grants of more than \$2,000 are reviewed bi-annually.
Grantees are required to submit a final report.

Tom's of Maine

Description of Grant: Tom's of Maine has created the Tom's of Maine Grant Program that is particularly interested in projects related to the areas of the environment, including animal welfare, protection and conservation of natural resources, wildlife, wildlife habitat and other issues related to biodiversity and a sustainable planet. Their education focus includes innovative educational programs for children and adults, especially projects that will foster understanding of the natural environment and encourage community outreach.

Application Form Required? Yes No
Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: Ranges from \$500 to \$5,000.

Deadline: September 1 annually.

Contact Information

Gail Burgess
Grant Program Manager
Tom's of Maine
PO Box 710
Kennebunk, ME 04043

Phone: 207-985-2944
Fax: 207-985-2196
E-Mail: n/a
Web-site: www.tomsofmaine.com/missionguidelines.htm

Special Note: Site visits may be conducted by the Grant Program Manager or by other employees of Tom's of Maine, either before final funding decisions or during the grant period. Grantees are required to submit a final report.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

📖 Curriculum Based

∪ Rolling Deadline

Toshiba America Foundation

7-12 Grants

Description of Grant: The mission of the Toshiba America Foundation is to contribute to the quality of science and mathematics education in U.S. communities by investing in projects designed by and with classroom teachers to improve science and science-related education for students grades 7 thru 12. The Toshiba America Foundation encourages programs, projects, and activities that have the potential to improve classroom teaching and learning of science, mathematics, and the science and mathematics of technology. The Foundation is most interested in teacher-planned and led projects that take place in the classroom. Educators should implement and/or adapt existing programs, materials, techniques, curricula, etc. to meet local classroom needs rather than attempting to create new ones.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Detailed proposal required.

Funding Amount: \$5,000.

Deadline: Proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Information


Program Office
Toshiba American Foundation
1251 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor
New York, NY 10020

Phone: 212-588-0820
Fax: 212-588-0824
E-Mail: foundation@tai.toshiba.com
Web-site: www.toshiba.com/about/taf.html

Special Note: Grants for \$5000 or more require the approval of the Foundation's Board of Directors, which meets twice a year; in March and September. Proposals must be in the foundation offices either the first working day in February for March consideration or the first working day in August for September consideration. Grantees are required to submit a final report to the Foundation within 45 days after the project end date.

Also available: Small grants for K-6 Science and Math Education. See page 49.

KEY

 Curriculum Based

 Easy Application

≤ Less than \$1,000

Toshiba America Foundation K-6 Grants

Description of Grant: Toshiba American Foundation provides 75 grants of up of \$1,000 each for the purpose of encouraging hands-on teaching of science and mathematics. Any K-6 teacher in a public or private school is eligible. Grants will be awarded to the teacher's school and will be restricted for use by the teacher in his/her classroom. Not more than one application per teacher is allowed.

Application Form Required? Yes No
Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: \$1,000.

Deadline: October 1 annually.

Contact Information

Program Office
Toshiba American Foundation
1251 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor
New York, NY 10020

Phone: 212-588-0820
Fax: 212-588-0824
E-Mail: foundation@tai.toshiba.com.
Web-site: www.toshiba.com/about/taf/smallgrants.html

Special Note: Projects must occur some time between December 1st and May 15th. Grantees are required to submit a final report.

Also available: Grants for 7-12 grades. See page 48.

KEY

\$ More than \$1,000

👤 Project Based

📄 Easy Application

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.

Description of Grant: Toyota sponsors the Toyota TAPESTRY program that offers grants to k-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. Projects are funded in the environmental science education category that emphasize the efficient use of natural resources and protection of the environment. Students participating in these projects should gain an increased awareness of the terrestrial, aquatic, and/or atmospheric environment and an understanding of their own interdependence with the natural world.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Application can be downloaded from web site.

Funding Amount: Up to \$2,500 for mini-grants, \$10,000 for larger grants.

Deadline: Contact for deadline.

Contact Information

Toyota TAPESTRY
c/o NSTA
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000

Phone: n/a
Fax: 1-888-400-6782
E-Mail: n/a
Web site: www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/



Wal-Mart Foundation

Description of Grant: The Wal-Mart Foundation provides grants in the areas of Community, Education, Children, and the Environment. The Community Matching Grant Program is the largest program funded by Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB. Local nonprofit organizations can raise funds at their stores, and Wal-Mart and SAM'S can match a portion of the funds raised. Wal-Mart and SAM'S CLUB provide grants to support environmental efforts and education in communities where their stores are located. All requests for funding must be directed through your local Wal-Mart.

Application Form Required? Yes No

Not specified on web site. Contact your local store for application procedures.

Funding Amount: Not specified.

Deadline: Not specified.

Contact Information

Visit your local Wal-Mart.

Phone: n/a

Fax: n/a

E-Mail: n/a

Web site: <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/index.jsp>

Special Note: While the web site does provide specific information about the Foundation's funding interests and who is and who is not eligible, few other details are available. The Foundation itself does not accept proposals. To learn more about receiving a grant from your local Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB, see the Community Involvement Coordinator at the store location closest to you.

Resources

To go further on your journey, visit some key grant funding web sites or review several grant books geared toward K-12 schools. Below are only a few of the many resources available on education and environment grants. Please note that we do not endorse any particular resource and only provide this information as a starting point. Our suggestions include:

Web sites

- **The School Grants** web site provides federal, state, and foundation-funding links for K-12 schools and includes grant-writing tips. www.schoolgrants.org
- **Education World Grants Center** provides a compilation of grants, grant writing, and grants by subject category resources: www.education-world.com/grants/.
- **The Foundation Center** offers a variety of resources and services, including regional workshops and seminars, grant databases, and other online resources, for schools and teachers seeking education support funding. <http://fdncenter.org/>. The Foundation Center has a library in Washington, DC that is open free to the public; no appointment is necessary. The **Foundation Center Library** is located at:
1627 K Street, NW, 3rd Fl, Washington, D.C. 20006-1708
Tel: (202) 331-1400, Fax: (202) 331-1739
Hours: Monday 10:00-8:00, Tuesday-Friday 10:00-5:00
- **The Center for Educational Reform** provides information on grants available for teachers, school programs and Education Reform Initiatives: www.edreform.com/info/grant.htm.
- **EE-Link** provides Environmental Education Resources on the Internet, including grants: www.nceet.snre.umich.edu/grants-generalinformation.html.
- **Fundsnet Online Services**, provides nonprofit organizations, with information on financial resources available on the Internet: www.fundsnet services.com

For information about **local grantmakers** visit these sites:

- *Washington Grantmakers*: www.washingtongrantmakers.org/WG/Home.asp
- *Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers*: www.abagmd.org/

Periodicals

- **Education Grants Alert** -- A weekly newsletter on funding opportunities for K-12 grantseekers. 50 issues per year/ \$385. From Aspen Publishers, Inc. Phone: (800) 638-8437. Web site: www.aspenpub.com. Request a free trial sample.
- **Grants for K-12** -- A biweekly newsletter reports on public and private grants specifically for schools (\$149/year). Quinlan Publishing. Phone: (800) 229-2084. . Web site: www.quinlan.com. Also available: *Funding for Private Schools*. (\$129/year) Request a free trial sample.

Books

- **How to Get Grants and Gifts for the Public Schools** by Stanley Levenson (\$22.00).
- **The Grantwriter's Internet Companion: A Resource for Educators and Others Seeking Grants and Funding** by Susan Lee Peterson (\$24.95).

- **The Teacher's Guide to Winning Grants** by David G. Bauer (\$26.00).
- **Funding Sources for K-12 Schools and Adult Basic Education.** Oryx Press (\$36.00). Web site: www.greenwood.com.

We Want To Hear From You!

Do you know of a grant program geared towards K-12 schools with an environmental project or curriculum based focus? If so, let us hear about it! If we think it's a good fit for this publication, we will include it in the next volume. Just complete the form below and mail it to us at:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Attn: Chesapeake Classrooms
6 Herndon Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21403

If you have any suggestions about how we can improve this publication send them to us at:

Fax: 410-268-6687

or

E-mail: chesapeakeclassrooms.org



Name of Grantmaking Organization:

Description of Grant:

Application Form Required? Yes No

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