

School Grant News

Do you have a favorite **grant-related bookmark** you'd like to share with other teachers? E-mail your suggestions to Blake Burr, burrbc@scsk12.org. Here are a few tried-and-true web links:

- <http://www.grantsforteachers.net>
- <http://www.edutopia.org/grants-and-resources>
- <http://getedfunding.com>

Does your school partner with a non-profit 501(c)(3) for an innovative school program? Consider encouraging your non-profit partner to take a look at the **give365.org** upcoming grant competition, which should be opening soon:

- <https://www.give365memphis.org/>

Sign up to be alerted when the **Fishman Prize** competition period opens:

- <https://tntp.org/fishman-prize/how-to-apply>

Get ready to submit your **McCarthy Dressman Academic Enrichment** grant applications. The grant window opens January 15 and closes as soon as 350 submissions are received. The web site includes a sample application:

- <https://mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/>

Get ready to submit your **McCarthy Dressman Teacher Development** grant applications. The grant window opens January 15 and closes as soon as 350 submissions are received. The web site includes a sample application:

- <https://mccartheydressman.org/teacher-development-grants/>

The National Civil Rights Museum urges schools to join the **Affiliate School Program** to become eligible for special offers including special summer professional development opportunities:

- <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-exhibitions/affiliate-school-program>

The **AgriCenter** offers "bus scholarships" to reimburse schools for bus transportation to one of the AgriCenter's education programs:

- <http://www.agricenter.org/bus/>

The **Botanic Gardens** has opened its Big Bugs exhibit. Through a generous sponsorship from Terminix, International Paper, and Speer Charitable Trust the Botanic Gardens are happy to be able to offer a limited number of scholarships for schools that might not otherwise be able to attend:

- <https://www.memphisbotanicgarden.com/big-bugs-scholarships>

Brooks Museum offers free school tours and other special teacher programming:

- <http://www.brooksmuseum.org/teacher-information>

Dixon Gallery and Gardens also offers "bus scholarships":

- <https://www.dixon.org/scholarshipbusfunding>

Memphis Cotton Museum field trip grants cover the cost of admission:

- <http://memphiscottonmuseum.org/education/grant-opportunities/apply-educational-tour-grant/>

The **Pink Palace Family of Museums** offers a suitcase exhibit program at no cost to local teachers:

- <http://www.memphismuseums.org/pink-palace-museum/programs/suitcase-exhibits/>

Memphis in May offers its acclaimed World Cargo Crates to area teachers. Think of the crates as a "children's museum in a box," offering unique items that provide insight into the culture of the honored country (the Czech Republic this year). Reservations may be made for any week between January through May. The crate will be delivered to each school before noon on Monday, and picked up on the following Monday morning by 10:00 a.m., courtesy of Blue Sky Couriers.

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnOA4U21IOM-JKMmCwOj9mGM64HU27DMJnPqigxYq_-6_e8g/viewform

Looking for a great link to support your search for **environmental education** funding? This Tennessee web site is well maintained: <http://eeintennessee.org/>

Are you and your students part of the **maker movement**? If so, this resource may be right for you:
<https://www.sparkfun.com/pages/sponsorships>

Ronald Williams, a former teacher and a Data Dissemination Specialist for the US Census Bureau, is in town for a Grants Professionals Association training, **Understanding Census Data**, on 12/14 at 9 am at the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis. Non-members of GPA can register for \$10. For more information about that training, see <https://www.evensi.us/understanding-census-data-community-foundation-of-greater/232412314>

If you have received a grant and would like to share your success, please contact Blake Burr, burrbc@scsk12.org. We'll profile you in the next newsletter.

School Grant Opportunities

Looking for a grant opportunity to bring new resources into your classroom or school community? Here are several upcoming application opportunities.

Freedom Foundation Graduate Class Scholarships

<http://www.freedomsfoundation.org/Graduate-Classes>

Scholarships for on-campus graduate class programs in social studies topics are valued at \$1,400 per teacher, while traveling workshop programs are valued at \$1,550 per teacher. They are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Opening October 1, 2017.

Learning Gardens

<https://thekitchencommunity.org/apply/>

The application deadline to be considered to receive a garden from The Kitchen Community this spring is December 7! If you apply after December 7, you will be considered for next school year. TKC is working in conjunction with SCS's CNC to encourage all high schools to apply! Plus, this can be used in our Environmental Science and Nutrition classes.

Deadline: **December 7, 2017.**

Youth Garden Grant

<https://kidsgardening.org/2018-youth-garden-grant/>

The Youth Garden Grant is designed to support school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the U.S. planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of three and 18 is eligible to apply. The selection of winners is based on demonstrated program impact and sustainability. The top five programs will each receive an award package of a \$1,000 cash prize, \$100 Gardener's Supply Company Gift Certificate, and a variety of gardening tools and supplies. Deadline: **December 8, 2017.**

Technology Teacher Grant

<https://fios.verizon.com/beacon/technology-teacher-grant/>

Share your tech-focused lesson plan with us, and you could win up to \$1,000 for classroom supplies, educational subscriptions and apps for your students. Deadline: **December 9, 2017.**

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching

<https://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/application>

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching (DA) Program provides funding for highly accomplished U.S. primary and secondary level educators to take part in an intensive professional development program for three to six months abroad. The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Deadline:

December 13, 2017.

Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Scholarships

<http://www.history.org/History/teaching/TIScholarships.cfm>

During six-day sessions on location in Colonial Williamsburg and the surrounding area, 25 participants and a Master Teacher engage in an interdisciplinary approach to teaching social studies with American history as the focus. Teachers have the opportunity to exchange ideas with historians, meet character interpreters, participate in simulations, and become part of the story. Throughout each day, teachers work collaboratively with Colonial Williamsburg staff and a Master Teacher to examine interactive teaching techniques and develop instructional materials that bring history to life in the classroom. Each teacher scholarship covers admission to all program activities; room (double occupancy) and all meals except two evenings on your own; \$100 Colonial Williamsburg gift card for educational materials; and teacher resource materials. Most scholarships include full air transportation to Williamsburg. Travel arrangements will be confirmed at the time of scholarship acceptance. Jean Murchison of Raleigh-Bartlett Meadows Elementary is a past scholarship recipient. Deadline: **December 15, 2017.**

Follett Challenge

<https://follettchallenge.com/>

Tell Follett how your program engages students in your library or classroom when you write your online application. Then, prepare a 3-5 minute video promoting your program, and submit it. Voting will take place in January. Three Semi-finalists and a Grand Prize winner will be chosen, as well as ten People's Choice winners based on the highest number of votes received. A total of \$200,000 will be awarded. Deadline: **December 15, 2017.**

National Science Teacher Association Awards

<http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx>

Nineteen separate award programs are available. Deadline: **December 15, 2017.**

Shell Science Lab Challenge

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

Shell and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) have partnered to recognize outstanding middle and high school programs for their exemplary approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. The Shell Science Lab Challenge will showcase the work of teachers in Grades 6-12, representing their schools, who submit innovative, replicable strategies to deliver quality lab experiences with limited equipment/resources, and award teachers/schools with additional tools, resources, and rich professional development opportunities needed to support high-quality science teaching and strengthen their existing capabilities. Awards range from \$3,000 to \$20,000 in value. Deadline: **December 15, 2017.**

SCS Arts Education Transportation Access Grants

Through support from the Chief of Staff Brian Stockton and the C&I Department, there is availability this year to provide transportation access grants to arts education experiences through Durham School Services. To qualify, the experiences should be curricular extensions of the arts instruction and be coordinated by your arts education team. To request bus funds, email davisonpd@scsk12.org to receive a copy of the application. Deadline: **December 18, 2017.**

The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards

<http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/sondheim/>

To celebrate the significant role of teachers in society, The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards (\$10,000) spotlight some of the country's most inspirational teachers and recognize them for their contributions. Nominators must be former students who are 18 years or older and who no longer attend the teacher's school. Deadline: **December 31, 2017.**

EarthWatch Teach Earth Teacher Fellowships

<http://earthwatch.org/education/teacher-fellowships/teach-earth-united-states>

Earthwatch receives between 200-300 Teach Earth USA Fellowship applications each year for about 50 fellowships. An awarded fellowship would cover the full cost of your assigned summer expedition, including meals, accommodations, and on-site transportation. Educator fellowships also provide a travel award to offset out-of-pocket travel expenses to and from the expedition site. Deadline: **January 8, 2018.**

Roller Skating Foundation Grants

<http://www.rollerskating.com/pages/grants/70>

The Roller Skating Foundation makes grants, ranging from \$250 and up, to schools, educators and volunteers to accomplish educational objectives and fitness-related goals. Priority will be given to projects directed towards roller skating, including field trips to roller skating centers, as well as innovative projects designed to improve physical fitness or education. Deadline: **January 10, 2018.**

Shelby County Education Foundation's Teacher Education Enhancement Grants

All public school teachers in Shelby County are eligible to apply for a mini-grant for up to \$1,200. Eligible categories are Student Development, Health and Safety; Teacher and Staff Development; Music and the Arts; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; and Reading and Elementary Foreign Language. The application is available through Teacher Weekly emails. Questions may be directed to Dianne@shelbcountyef.com. Deadline: **January 10, 2018.**

ILA Grants

<http://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/awards-grants>

The International Literacy Association (formerly the International Reading Association) offers several grant opportunities for teachers who are ILA members – for example, the Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant (\$2,500 for teachers in Grades 5-12), the Teacher as Researcher Award (\$5,000) and the Technology & Literacy Award. Deadlines: **January 15, 2018.**

Ocean Exploration Trust Fellowships

<http://www.oceanexplorationtrust.org/communication-fellowship>

The Ocean Exploration Trust's Science Communication Fellowship Program immerses formal and non-formal educators in the Nautilus Corps of Exploration and empowers them to bring ocean exploration - specifically in the STEM fields - to a global audience via the Nautilus Live website. Deadline: **January 15, 2018.**

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Mini-Grants

<http://rootsandshoots.org/minigrant>

Schools or classes can receive \$500 mini-grants to design a community mapping project that leads to a community service project. Deadlines: **January 22, 2018, and March 19, 2018.**

George Washington Teacher Institute Summer Residential Programs

<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/for-teachers/teaching-institutes-professional-development/residential-programs/summer-residential-programs>

The George Washington Teacher Institute Summer Residential Programs are 4-day immersive professional development experiences designed to support K-12 educators who teach about the life, leadership, and legacy of George Washington and the 18th-century world in which he lived. Full scholarships and travel stipends are available for applicants from several states including Tennessee. Deadline: **January 29, 2018.**

Captain Planet Foundation

<http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Captain Planet Foundation will accept small grant requests for amounts between \$500 – \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects. Proposed projects must support project-based learning performed by youth to bring about real environmental outcomes. Deadline: **January 31, 2018.**

Fund for Teachers

http://fft.fundforteachers.org/applications/guideline/program_id:183/step:overview

Individuals with at least three years' classroom teaching experience may apply for up to \$5,000 and teams may apply for up to \$10,000. FFT grants are used for an unlimited variety of projects; all designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students and their school communities. Non-allowable expenses include student travel, college credit, onsite PD, compensation for substitutes or stipends, and guest presentations. Raleigh Bartlett-Meadows is a past recipient. Deadline: **January 31, 2018.**

Goethe Institute Transatlantic Opportunity Program

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/us/en/spr/eng/top/tte/tst.html>

Eligible applicants are social studies and/or STEM classroom teachers (grades K-12), curriculum coordinators, and principals. Study tours are two weeks in length and take place during the summer months. Most expenses are covered. Deadline: **January 31, 2018.**

Herb Society of America

<http://www.herbsociety.org/support/grants-scholarships/grant-details.html#grantforresearch>

The Herb Society of America, Inc. (HSA) offers annual research grants (up to \$5,000) to students, professionals, and individuals engaged in research on the horticultural, scientific, and/or social applications or use of herbs throughout history, based upon the HSA definition of an herb. The defining characteristic for herbs is their usefulness, past or

present, including their value for flavoring, medicine, ornament, economic, industrial, or cosmetic purposes. The HSA Research Grant is intended to support small, self-contained research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time. Deadline: **January 31, 2018.**

2018 Amazon Workshops/EcoTeach Scholarships for K-12 Educators

<http://amazonworkshops.com/scholarships-funding/>

Three \$1,100 scholarships will be awarded to the Educator Academy in the Amazon. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to bringing the Amazon experience back to their classrooms and communities in very tangible ways and sharing their experience with future academy participants. Deadline: **February 1, 2018.**

NEA Grants to Educators

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/>

The NEA provides funding to educators through two programs: **Learning & Leadership** and **Student Achievement**. Learning & Leadership grants enable educators and educator groups to pursue high-quality professional development. Grants be used toward the cost of summer institutes, collegial study programs, and mentoring experiences, among other opportunities. Student Achievement grants support initiatives for improving academic performance in U.S. public schools. Funding is available in any subject area. Grants are for \$2,000 or \$5,000. Beginning this year, grants are only available to NEA members. Past MCS/SCS recipient schools include Lucie E. Campbell, Manassas High, Spring Hill, and South Park. Deadlines: **February 1, 2018, June 1, 2018, and October 15, 2018.**

Vernier Software & Technology Grant for HS/AP Science Educators

<http://amazonworkshops.com/scholarships-funding/>

Vernier Software and Technology is providing a \$1500 grant for a HS/AP science teacher to join the 2018 Educator Academy in the Amazon. HS/AP science educator applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to bringing the Amazon experience and Vernier Software & Technology data collection back to their classroom in very tangible ways and sharing their experience with future academy participants and the Vernier Software & Technology network. Deadline: **February 1, 2018.**

NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship

<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/global-learning-fellowship/>

The NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship offers educators 12 months of professional development opportunities to support educators as they cultivate global competence skills and build global lesson plans that are shared with educators around the world. Applicants must be NEA members. Teachers with 5 or more years' experience are given preference. Deadline: **February 5, 2018.**

Air Force Junior ROTC Grants

<https://www.afa.org/informationfor/teachers/k12grants/airforcejuniorrotcgrant>

The Air Force Junior ROTC Grant was established to promote aerospace education throughout classrooms and units. The goal of this opportunity is to enhance your students' ideas on how aerospace plays a prominent role in today's and tomorrow's society. Applications will be judged by the importance and the impact your selected aerospace activity will have on your students. This is an opportunity to heighten your students' interest in aerospace education activities. Funds may be used for any aerospace education related activity from purchasing textbooks or videotapes, to going on a field trip to an aerospace museum, Air Force base or other aerospace facility. You may not use the grant for purchasing uniforms, honor guard or color guard activities, etc. AFJROTC grants provide units and classrooms with up to \$250 every other academic year. Deadlines: **February 10, 2018, and October 10, 2018.**

Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminars

https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/2018_teacher_seminars.pdf

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History offers high value Teacher Seminars for K-12 educators. Held at colleges and historic sites across the US and abroad, these weeklong seminars offer teachers daily programs with America's leading historians, visits to local historic sites, and hands-on work with primary sources. Covered costs include room and board and a travel allowance. The seminar schedule has been posted, and the application window will open soon. Deadline: **February 15, 2018.**

Humane Society of the United States Foundation National Kind Teacher Award

http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/award/national_kind_teacher_award.html

Each year since 1981, Humane Society of the United States Foundation have recognized an outstanding teacher who consistently incorporates humane education into his or her curriculum and/or motivates students to get involved in community service for animals. If selected as National Kind Teacher, you or your nominee will receive a framed certificate and a scholarship to Humane Society University's Certified Humane Education Specialist program. Deadline: **February 15, 2018.**

Bostitch Sharp Minds Sweepstakes

<https://bostitchoffice.com/sharpmindssweepstakes>

The competition is open only to educators of grades K–12. One Grand Prize winner will receive a Bostitch Grand Prize Pack valued at \$2,500, plus a fun-filled classroom party. Twelve 1st place winners will receive a \$50 cash gift card and Bostitch sharpeners; and 25 2nd place winners will receive a \$25 cash gift card and Bostitch scissor items. Deadline: **February 28, 2018.**

ISTE Awards

<https://www.iste.org/membership/awards>

Teachers are eligible for several of these awards that include travel stipends and cash awards for excellence in connected learning in the digital age. Deadline: **February 28, 2018.**

Association of American Educators Classroom Grants

<http://www.aaeteachers.org/index.php/classroom-grant-application>

Classroom grants are available to all full-time educators who have not received a scholarship or grant from AAE in the past two years. Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional weight in the scoring rubric. Classroom grants (\$500) can be used for a variety of projects and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and lab materials. Funds must be used within one year of the application deadline. Deadline: **March 1, 2018.**

Association of American Educators Foundation Teacher Scholarships

<http://www.aaeteachers.org/index.php/teacher-scholarship-application>

Teacher scholarships (\$500) can be used for a wide variety of professional development opportunities and materials. These include conferences, inservices, and materials for PLCs. The scholarship will cover all associated costs with attending these events or obtaining these materials. Teacher scholarships do not cover classes or materials in pursuit of a graduate degree. Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional weight in the scoring rubric. Deadline: **March 1, 2018.**

CAP (Civil Air Patrol) Grants for Educators

http://ae.capmembers.com/for_educators/educator-grants--scholarship-information/

Grants of \$250 must be used for aerospace education-related items/activities such as books, materials, equipment, videotapes, aerospace-oriented field trips, and aerospace education events for youth in schools and/or community organizations and/or events. Applicants must be CAP members. Deadline: **March 31, 2018.**

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Minigrants

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Minigrants awards of \$500 are given to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. This year, on Keats' 100th birthday, all submissions should have a Keats theme. Head Start teachers are eligible applicants. Ridgeway Early Learning Center is a past recipient of a grant. Jill Waltz's project at Geeter Middle is one of the featured projects on the web site: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/great-mini-grant-programs/african-american-shadow-plays/>. Deadline: **March 31, 2018.**

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)

<https://www.paemst.org/nomination/nominate>

The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This award is considered the highest recognition that a K-12 mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Principals, teachers, parents, students, or members of the general public may nominate exceptional mathematics and science (including computer science) teachers. Educators may self-nominate for this award. Each year, awards alternate between elementary and secondary teachers. In the 2018 award cycle, nominees must be a K-6 mathematics or science teacher. Deadline: **April 1, 2018.**

Smithsonian American Art Museum Summer Institutes: Teaching the Humanities through Art

<https://americanart.si.edu/education/k-12/professional-development/summer-institutes>

Institutes are geared towards social studies, history, and English/language arts teachers for grades 6-12. Teachers of other subjects or grades may be considered if space is available. Teachers may apply as individuals or as part of a team of two or three, but each member of the team must submit an individual application. The cost of the program is \$200, due upon registration. This non-refundable fee covers the cost of your take-home materials as well as daily breakfast and lunch. Participants are responsible for travel and lodging costs. A low-cost housing option has been provided in past years through a local university. The Smithsonian American Art Museum is pleased to offer a limited number of \$500 scholarships per Institute. Scholarships may be used to cover selected participants' registration, travel, and lodging expenses, as well as other potential costs of attendance. Deadline: **April 1, 2018.**

Voya Unsung Heroes

<http://corporate.voya.com/corporate-responsibility/community-investment/childrens-education/voya-unsung-heroes>

Applicants to the Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program must be full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning. Each of the 100 finalists will receive an award of \$2,000. At least one award will be granted in each of the 50 United States, provided one or more qualified applications are received from each state. Of the 100 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards. First place will receive a bonus of \$25,000; second place will receive a bonus of \$10,000, and the third place winner will receive a bonus of \$5,000. The most recent SCS awardees were Jo Ann Matthews and Frankie Bunner of Douglas K-8 who received funding for their "By the Book" project. Deadline: **April 30, 2018.**

Toshiba America Foundation

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

TAF offers grants of up to \$1,000 for K-6 teachers, in public or private schools, for the creation of projects designed to improve instruction for students in grades 7-12. The Foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Toshiba America Foundation believes science and mathematics are exciting fields in which all students can succeed with the proper tools and instruction. TAF uses two application forms: An elementary school application (Grades K-5) and a middle and high school application (Grades 6-12). Grade K-5 applications are accepted once a year on October 1st. Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1st and August 1st each year. **Multiple deadlines.**

4imprint One-by-One

<http://onebyone.4imprint.com/default.aspx>

Each business day 4imprint gives a worthy organization \$500 in promotional products to spread the word, recruit volunteers, thank donors, offer comfort to someone in need, or in some other way turn one thing into something much more. Schools are eligible applicants. **No set deadline.**

Adobe Ed Exchange Connect ED Donations

<http://edex.adobe.com/connected>

Adobe has committed over \$300 million in software and professional development services to the White House's ConnectED initiative. As part of this \$2 billion+ effort from the private sector, Adobe will deliver creative tools and teacher professional development to schools across the United States—all with the goal of helping youth express their creativity and build their skills for future success. **No set deadline.**

Ancestry K-12 Grants

<http://ancestryk12.com/k12/GrantProgram/>

AncestryK12 is pleased to offer grants providing one year of access to Ancestry Institution (U.S. content), Fold3, and Newspapers.com to selected classrooms and schools. Teachers, school administrators, and district officials may apply to receive access to these services for an entire year (with the ability to renew upon request). **No set deadline.**

Awesome Foods Mini-Grants

<http://www.awesomefood.net/>

Awesome Food, a chapter of the worldwide Awesome Foundation, is accepting grant applications to further food awesomeness in the universe. Each month, Awesome Food will give one applicant \$1,000 to help pull off an awesome idea involving food. The ideas must relate to food in some form, and the definition will be more inclusive than exclusive. Examples could include educating the public about DIY-farming, creating an ad-hoc eatery in a subway car, or recording videos of immigrants' recipes. Anyone is eligible to apply: for profit, nonprofit, individuals, companies, schools, adults and children. The \$1,000 grants are not loans or investments. They are not expected to be paid back. They are no-strings attached grants. Applications are reviewed as they are received. One grant is awarded each month. Deadline: **Rolling.**

Batters Up USA® Equipment Grants

<http://www.battersupusa.org/Equipment.html>

Batters Up USA® provides free baseball/softball equipment, primarily bats, balls, tee ball sets, helmets, catcher's gear, and bases to local organizations to support the start-up of new programs or to assist existing programs to grow. We serve boys and girls recreational programs up to age 13. Priority is given to those programs serving a high percentage of youth in need such as inner-city and after-school programs. **No set deadline.**

Civil War Trust Field Trip Fund

<https://www.civilwar.org/learn/educators/resources/field-trip-fund>

Grants of up to \$1,500 are available to fund Civil War related field trips. Past grants have supported nearby field trips to the Civil Rights Museum, Corinth, MS, and Shiloh, TN. **No set deadline.**

Fender Music Foundation Grants

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

Grants support music instruction. The foundation is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars and the equipment necessary to play these instruments. However, other traditional music instruments (string, woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboards) are sometimes available. **No set deadline.**

Good Sports Equipment Grants

<http://www.goodsports.org/equipment/apply/>

An administrative fee of 10% of the equipment's retail value must be paid after an application has been approved. This fee helps to defray the shipping, handling, and administrative costs of making the equipment donation. Schools can only apply for more than one sport if the programming rotates through multiple sports/activities, such as a physical education class. Those organizations should apply under the sport "General Recreation." Schools with multiple teams should submit one application for the sport with the greatest need. Deadline: **Rolling (at least eight weeks prior to the sports season's start).**

Pets in the Classroom

<http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/teachers/>

The Pet Care Trust awards Pets in the Classroom Grants to PreK-6 teachers who wish to teach children how to care for pets. Only one grant award per school per year will be made. Teachers may apply only once a year. **No set deadline.**

Stepping Stone Grants

<http://lilysarahgrace.org/grants>

Stepping Stone Grants are funded on a rolling application basis, typically twice a month. Stepping Stone Grants (up to \$450) are for teachers in Grades K-5 who want to use Arts Infused Inquiry Based Learning to teach. Deadline: **Rolling.**

Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants

<https://www.tolerance.org/about/educator-grant-guidelines>

Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants, ranging from \$500-\$10,000, support school-level, classroom-level, and district-level projects that promote affirming school climates and educate youth to thrive in a diverse democracy. At the school and district levels, leadership teams use the grants to improve school climate, reduce hate, support culturally responsive practices and implement anti-bias curricula. At the classroom level, teachers use the grants to fund programming that promotes empathy and kindness, positive identity development, perspective taking, critical thinking about injustice and collective action. Deadline: **Rolling**.

USA Today

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

USA TODAY Charitable Foundation and its Education Partners are looking for educators that would like to receive access to the USA TODAY Electronic Edition (digital) at no cost. This includes usernames and passwords for you and your students and is available now until July 2016. Terms for receiving a grant: Returning a Confirmation Delivery Form at the end of the school year is a requirement of receiving a grant. **No set deadline**.

Opportunities for Students

Generation Beyond Video Challenge

<https://www.generationbeyondinschool.com/challenge>

This challenge from Lockheed Martin and Discovery Education asks individuals or teams of middle school students to create 1-2 minute videos explaining how they would design a living module on Mars. Accompanying curriculum and lesson plans are available online, as well as FAQs, competition rules, and other information. One grand prize winning team or individual will win a \$10,000 prize. Second place receives \$5,000, and third place receives \$2,500. Deadline: **December 14, 2017.**

Angela Award

<http://www.nsta.org/docs/awards/Angela.pdf>

This award honors one female student in grades 5–8, who is involved in or has a strong connection to science. The award has been established in honor of Gerry Wheeler, Executive Director Emeritus, and his outstanding dedication to NSTA and lifelong commitment to science education. The award is a \$1,000 US EE Savings Bond. The awardee will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet at NSTA's National Conference. Deadline: **December 15, 2017.**

Apprentice Ecologist Scholarships

http://www.wildernessproject.org/volunteer_apprentice_ecologist.php

The Apprentice Ecologist Initiative seeks to engage middle and high school students in environmental stewardship projects. Students ages 13-21 are invited to conduct a local environmental stewardship project, take digital photos of the project in action, and write an essay about the project and what it meant to them. Three scholarships totaling \$1,750 will be awarded to the authors of the top three essays. School and community groups, especially those working with at-risk and disadvantaged youth, are highly encouraged to participate. Deadline: **December 31, 2017.**

MPLOY Youth Summer Experience and Memphis Ambassador Program

<http://cityofmemphisyouth.org/moys/helpful-tips-for-applying/>

Students aged 14 to 22 are invited to apply for one of two paid city opportunities – either the MPLOY Youth Service Experience or the Memphis Ambassador Program. All CTE students are encouraged to apply for MPLOY. ID requirements may be difficult for some students to meet, so advance review of the application is strongly recommended. After the application period there will be a computer-generated lottery that randomly ranks the students for possible participation. Students will be invited to participate based on their lottery ranking. Deadline: **December 31, 2017.**

Karma for Cara Microgrants

<http://karmaforcara.org/get-involved/apply-for-a-microgrant/>

Know a student who's looking to get a volunteerism project off the ground? The Karma for Cara Foundation can help. Launched in 2014, the foundation's minigrant program offers small, one-time grants to students to help jump-start or sustain community service projects. A range of projects qualify for funding (\$250 to \$1,000), including examples like rebuilding a school playground, or helping senior citizens prepare their homes for winter. Deadlines: **January 1, 2018, April 1, 2018, July 1, 2018, and October 1, 2018.**

SYTA Youth Foundation Road Scholarship

<http://sytayouthfoundation.org/road-scholarship>

The SYTA Youth Foundation established the Road Scholarship program in 2002 to award funds to youth who, for various reasons, are unable to afford the cost of their group's travel. Based on the belief that travel is essential to a complete education, it is the SYTA Youth Foundation's goal to make a positive difference, through travel, in the young lives of our global citizens. Since its inception, the SYTA Youth Foundation has awarded over a thousand scholarships to deserving youth. Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's circumstances and need as documented in the completed application form. The scholarship amount varies on a case-by-case basis, depending on the cost of specific trips, the demonstrated need of the applicant, and the number of applicants in a given application period. The average Road Scholarship granted is \$750. No more than \$1,000 will be awarded to a single student. Deadline: **March 16, 2018.**

Everyday Young Heroes

<http://ysa.org/awards/eyh/>

Everyday Young Heroes are young people, ages 5-25, who are improving their communities through service to others and making significant progress in achieving the UN's [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). Each week, the YSA Team selects one young person to receive this honor and receive a \$250 grant. **Rolling.**

WaysToHelp.org Grants

<http://waystohelp.org/grants.php>

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. Applications are short - just 5,000 characters or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis. **No set deadline.**

Write the World

https://writetheworld.com/for_young_writers#competitions_anchor

Encourage your grades 7–8 students to write pieces in a wide variety of genres, from songwriting and flash fiction to mystery writing and sports journalism. Write the World holds monthly competitions for budding writers. Participants can enter for a chance to win up to \$100, inclusion on the program blog, and feedback from a team of writing experts. **Rolling.**