

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, burrccb@scsk12.org. Here are a few tried-and-true web links:

- <http://www.techlearning.com/grants/0025/k12-education-grants-for-2017/70650>
- <https://thejournal.com/grants>
- <http://www.grantsforteachers.net>
- <http://www.edutopia.org/grants-and-resources>
- <http://getedfunding.com>

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** will be opening its Big Bugs exhibit soon. 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/>

All high schools in Shelby County Schools are invited to sign up to participate in the Romeo and Juliet Project with the **TN Shakespeare Company**. One of the required anchor texts for 2nd quarter in English I is Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Leaders in the project will come to the school and help teach this drama while relating it to modern-day conflict resolution and peaceful problem solving. Students view the actors perform parts of the play and are invited to enact portions with them. The project culminates in a school performance of "Romeo and Juliet," an opportunity for all students in the school. To sign up, please see the flyer and call Cara McHugh, Romeo and Juliet Project Manager, at (901) 759-0620:

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8ELMYNaIPvSUEVzWnpXanZmak0/view>

Look for an online application link soon. In the meantime, learn about the **Junior League of Memphis's Innovative Teaching Grants** program for teachers in grades Pre-K-8.

Application Overview:

Purpose: The Innovative Teaching Grants program is a Junior League of Memphis (JLM) program designed to improve the quality of life for children by encouraging and supporting excellence in teaching. The grants will enable teachers to implement original and creative learning experiences beyond the basic curriculum allocated through school budgets.

Eligibility: This program awards grants to PK-8 teachers in need* in the Memphis metro area. If you have been a JLM Innovative Teaching Grants recipient in the past two years, you are not eligible for the 2017-18 grant cycle.

Focus: Providing our partners and the surrounding community with support where they demonstrate a need, the focus of the 2017-2018 Innovative Teaching Grants will be Literacy. Qualifying projects will incorporate Literacy into their plan with higher awards integrating the Arts & Sciences.

Funding: The JLM has \$10,000 to be awarded in grants of up to \$1,000. In addition, each grant recipient will submit a video that captures: a) project overview, b) impact, c) visuals of how funding was used, d) student/peer feedback, and e) how the teacher used this experience to grow.

The Process:

Application deadline: SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 1, 2017** at 11:59 p.m.

Grant recipients will be notified no later than: FRIDAY, **OCTOBER 20, 2017**

Grant reception meeting (Meet JLM contacts and monies distributed): **NOVEMBER 2017**

Projects implemented and site visits made by JLM Innovative Teaching Grant Committee: **NOVEMBER 2017 – MAY 2018**

Grant evaluations and itemized expenses due to JLM: SUNDAY, **APRIL 8, 2018**

Video submissions for 2017-2018 JLM Innovative Teaching Grants projects due to JLM: SUNDAY, **MAY 6, 2018**

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>

If you have received a grant and would like to share your success, please contact Blake Burr, burrcb@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.

Penguin Random House Teacher Awards for Literacy

<http://foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/learn-more/teacherawards/>

Teachers can apply or be nominated. \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 grant awards are available including \$2,500 in Penguin Random House titles. Transportation, lodging and conference registration is also provided for the \$10,000 grant recipient to attend the Penguin Random House Awards event at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference in St. Louis, Missouri from November 16-19, 2017. Deadline: **September 15, 2017**.

SUBWAY Fresh Films Tech Grant

<http://www.fresh-films.com/educators.php>

Grants of \$300 can be applied to buy a 3D printer, a tablet or a Dell computer, software, green screen, or even hi-tech biology supplies for the classroom. Deadline: **September 15, 2017**.

I Love My Librarian Award

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/lovemylibrarian>

The I Love My Librarian Awards, from the American Library Association, honor librarians who have made positive impacts at their school, campus, or community. Nominate a librarian now. Public, school, community college, and university librarians are eligible for the award. Ten awardees receive \$5,000 cash prizes. Deadline: **September 18, 2017**.

CEE James Moffett Memorial Award for Teacher Research

<http://www.ncte.org/cee/awards/moffett>

NCTE's Conference on English Education, in conjunction with the National Writing Project, offers this \$1,000 grant to support teacher research projects that further the spirit and scholarship of James Moffett. Moffett, a great champion of the voices of K-12 teachers, focused on such ideas as the necessity of student-centered curricula, writing across the curriculum, alternatives to standardized testing, and spiritual growth in education and life. Deadline: **September 19, 2017**.

ECET2 (Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers) Conference

Do you know an outstanding teacher who would benefit from attending the upcoming ECET2 regional conference?

Nominate him or her. The Southwest Regional ECET2 convening will be held on October 21, 2017 at the Teaching and Learning Academy in Memphis, TN, from 8am - 4pm. There will be a mix and mingle event on Friday, October 20 from 6:30-8:30pm. We will come together to examine the question: How do we create school environments that promote equity for all through instruction, community involvement, or leadership? In true ECET fashion we are also looking to honor teachers whose practice uplifts the ideals of making learning equitable and accessible for all. Participants will be notified of acceptance by October 1. Deadline: **September 22, 2017**.

Thank America's Teachers

<https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/submit-a-proposal/>

This year Farmers' Insurance plans to award 180 \$2,500 Adopt-a-Classroom grants to teachers' proposals that receive the most votes via their web site. Teachers' proposals include a 1,000-character description of how they would use the grant in their classroom. Denise Wilson and Valerie Thomas at Winchester Elementary were 2017 winners. Deadline: **September 27, 2017**.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

Projects should fall into one of the following categories: technology upgrades, tools for STEM programs, facility renovations and safety improvements. Projects should address a critical need and align with Lowe's company purpose; to help people love where they live. Deadline: **September 29, 2017**.

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. Deadlines: **September 30, 2017, and March 31, 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. Deadlines: **September 30, 2017, and January 31, 2018.**

Green Thumb Challenge

<http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenthumbchallenge/green-thumb-challenge-winners>

GEF and Gardener's Supply Company have teamed up on an exciting funding opportunity for established youth garden projects nationwide! The organizations are calling on schools and youth groups to submit chronicles of their garden projects in a race to win a \$250 prize. The award is designed to support the continued sustainability of an exceptional youth garden program that has demonstrated success, and has impacted the lives of kids and their community. Deadline: **September 30, 2017.**

P. Buckley Moss Foundation Teacher Art Grants

<http://www.mossfoundation.org/teacher-art-grants>

Applications may be made for a grant up to \$1,000 to support a new or evolving program that integrates the arts into educational programming. The purpose is to aid and support teachers who wish to establish an effective learning tool using the arts in teaching children who learn differently. Deadline: **September 30, 2017.**

Project Learning Tree Greenworks! Grants

<http://www.plt.org/resources/greenworks-grants/>

Project Learning Tree offers GreenWorks! grants up to \$1,000 to schools and youth organizations for environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Students implement an action project they help design to green their school or to improve an aspect of their neighborhood's environment. Deadline: **September 30, 2017.**

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. Deadlines: **October 1, 2017, and 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. Deadlines: **October 1, 2017, and March 1, 2018.**

Clif Bar Family Foundation Small Grants

<http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs>

The Clif Bar Family Foundation's Small Grants (averaging \$8,000) are awarded for general organizational support or to fund specific projects in the foundation's priority areas: (1) protecting Earth's beauty and bounty; (2) creating a robust, healthy food system; (3) increasing opportunities for outdoor activity; (4) reducing environmental health hazards; and (5) building stronger communities. In previous years, the foundation has awarded grants to nonprofit organizations that support innovative education programs at multiple levels. Examples include a garden-as-classroom work-study program to empower low-income kindergarten through grade 12 students; a climate change education program for high school students; a biking program for children and adults with physical disabilities; wilderness field trips for urban youth; confidence-building adventures for children with special needs; a summer camp for children and families living with diabetes; and STEM education programs. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Constellation's the E² Energy to EducateSM Grant Program

<https://www.constellation.com/community/e2-energy-to-educate.html>

Through the E² Energy to EducateSM grant program, Constellation offers students in grades 6-12 opportunities to experience problem-solving today's and tomorrow's energy challenges. Grant funds support projects designed to enhance students' understanding of science and technology, and inspire them to think differently about energy. Constellation is seeking proposals for hands on projects which engage 100 or more students, within the following themes: Energy in Transportation, Backyard Generation, and Zero Waste. Grants are for up to \$25,000. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Junior League of Memphis's Innovative Teaching Grant Program

See above for more details and look for information about the online form soon. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Krystal Foundation Grants

<https://www.thekrystalfoundation.com/steam-education-apply/>

The new Krystal Foundation seeks to give grant awards to projects in its 11-state service area that focus on one or more of the following targeted topics: STEAM, culinary instruction, or sports programs. The proposed project can occur during the school day, after school, or during the summer. Deadlines: **October 1, 2017 (application period opens September 1) and December 1, 2017 (application period opens November 1).**

National Art Education Foundation Grants

<https://www.arteducators.org/opportunities/national-art-education-foundation>

In mid-August, NAEF will post details of their upcoming grant competitions for Arts Educators: Ruth Halvorsen Professional Development Grants (\$2,500), Mary McMullan Grants (\$2,500), SHIP Grants (\$500), Teacher Incentive Grants (\$2,500). Foundation grants are made only to NAEA members. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Road Runner Club of America Grants

<http://www.rrca.org/programs/kids-run-the-nation-fund/>

In 2007, the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) developed the Kids Run the Nation Fund to assist running clubs, events, and schools that are interested in implementing or currently have a youth running program. The running program should be more than just a one-time event. It should be a structured running program that ideally utilizes the RRCA youth running materials. The goal of the program is to have kids running regularly, at least once a week for multiple weeks, as opposed to participating in a single event. However, the program may culminate in participation at a kids race. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. Elementary and middle schools are eligible applicants. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant

<http://www.herbsoociety.org/support/grants-scholarships/grant-details.html>

3rd through 6th grade teachers may apply for an indoor or an outdoor herb garden grant (\$200). Ten grants will be awarded. Funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. Deadline: **October 1, 2017.**

Target Field Trip Grants

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

Target funds field trips that connect students' classroom curricula to out-of-school experiences. Field trips must take place between January and the end of the school year (May or June). Each grant is valued up to \$700, and SCS teachers have a long history of taking advantage of this opportunity. Deadline: **October 1, 2017**.

Global Teacher Prize

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

This year, educators the world over can vie for the recently established Global Teacher Prize, or the Nobel Prize of teaching. Educators in any country can nominate themselves. Students and parents can nominate inspiring educators as well. Nominees will be judged by a panel of global education experts based on a variety of criteria, including dedication to the professional, achievements and recognitions and ability to positively influence students. One teacher will be honored next spring with a \$1 million cash prize. Deadline: **October 8, 2017**.

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: **October 10, 2017, and February 10, 2017**.

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. Deadline: **October 15, 2017**.

Seeds for Education

<http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/sfe/>

Cash grants under \$500 are available for plants and seeds, and in-kind donations from Nursery Partners can help stretch these dollars. Deadline: **October 15, 2017**.

Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60

<https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/funding/general-information>

This competitive, nationwide funding program provides seed money to help your school implement one Healthy Eating Play and one Physical Activity Play. Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60. Plays are action strategies that your school can use or adapt to make healthy improvements. You are encouraged to request only the amount of money your school will need – from a minimum of \$300 up to a maximum of \$4,000 per school, per year. The application period will open in April. Deadline: **November 1, 2017 (application period opens August 23, 2017)**.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Grants

<http://www.nctm.org/Grants/>

Numerous Mathematics Education Trust (MET) grant programs have a November 3 deadline. Deadline: **November 3, 2017**.

Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowships

<http://kstf.org/fellowships/>

Valued up to \$175,000 and renewable for up to five years, the highly competitive Fellowships are awarded to new teachers committed to teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) in high schools nationwide. KSTF offers its Fellows professional workshops, materials grants and access to a teacher-to-teacher mentoring network. Deadline: **November 26, 2017.**

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, grant period reopens September 1, 2017.**

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.petstheclassroom.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.**

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

Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology

<https://siemenscompetition.discoveryeducation.com/>

The Competition is the nation's premier science research competition for high school students and seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. It fosters intensive research that improves students' understanding of the value of scientific study and informs their consideration of future careers in these disciplines. Scholarships for winning projects range from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Deadline: **September 19, 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: **October 1, 2017, January 1, 2018, April 1, 2018, and July 1, 2018**.

Earth Science Week Essay Contest

<http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/essay>

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is sponsoring an essay contest to celebrate Earth Science Week. The theme for this year is "Human Interaction with Earth Systems." The contest is open to students in Grades 6-9. The winner receives a cash prize of \$300 and a copy of AGI's "The Geoscience Handbook." Deadline: **October 13, 2017**.

Earth Science Week Photo Contest

<http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/photography>

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is sponsoring a photography contest to celebrate Earth Science Week. The photography theme for this year is "Earth and Human Activity Here." Entries must be original, authentic, unpublished photographs. The winner receives a cash prize of \$300 and a copy of AGI's "The Geoscience Handbook." Deadline: **October 13, 2017**.

Earth Science Week Visual Arts Contest

<http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/visual-arts>

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is sponsoring an essay contest to celebrate Earth Science Week. The theme for this year is "People and the Planet." The contest is open to students in Grades K-5. The winner receives a cash prize of \$300 and a copy of AGI's "The Geoscience Handbook." Deadline: **October 13, 2017**.

YoungArts Awards

<http://www.youngarts.org/apply>

The National YoungArts Foundation sponsors an annual scholarship and awards contest for youth artists in the U.S. Awards are available for students aged 15-18, and they're available in a variety of artistic disciplines, including the performing arts, dance, visual arts, writing, and photography. To apply, artists must submit an audition, portfolio or materials related to their discipline. Winners receive an invitation to National YoungArts Week events, a cash prize up to \$10,000, access to scholarship opportunities, and more. Deadline: **October 13, 2017**.

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. Deadlines: **November 17, 2017, and 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.**

The Beacon Technology Teacher Grant

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

Technology is all around us. From smartphones to voice assistants and self-driving cars, our world is becoming increasingly high-tech. We believe technology has a place in every discipline — and studying its role in our lives is critical for students of all ages. 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, and more.