

## 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, [burrcb@scsk12.org](mailto:burrcb@scsk12.org). Here are a few tried-and-true web links:

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

**Facebook users**, here are some links you may be interested in:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/378736165542327/> (closed group for those who are interested in teacher scholarships and grants)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/420771954797875/> (open group for those who are interested in summer study opportunities for teachers)

Fourth grade teachers, help sign your students up for **Free National Park Passes**:

- <https://www.everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/educator>

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/>

**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/>

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

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

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

Or are you looking for **school garden** funding? This list is updated often: <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>

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](mailto: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.

### Lausanne LIFE Grants

<http://lausannelearning.com/life-grant>

Earn money for your K-12 class projects (\$270 per team member) and get trained by Mid-South education experts on July 9-10. Deadline: **May 31, 2018**.

### Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award

<https://www.socialstudies.org/awards/fasse/fasse-mcauliffe>

The purpose of the \$2,500 grant is to help a social studies educator make his or her dream of innovative social studies a reality. Grants will be given to assist classroom teachers in: 1) developing and implementing imaginative, innovative, and illustrative social studies teaching strategies; and 2) supporting student implementation of innovative social studies, citizenship projects, field experiences, and community connections. Recipients of the award also present a session at the NCSS Annual Conference, and receive a commemorative award piece during the Awards Reception at the Annual Conference. Deadline: **May 31, 2018**.

### NCSS Grant for the Enhancement of Geographic Literacy

<https://www.socialstudies.org/awards/geography>

Programs that will enhance the geographic literacy of students at the classroom, district, or statewide levels. Award winners will receive \$2,500, a commemorative award, and the opportunity to present a session on their work at the NCSS Annual Conference. Deadline: **May 31, 2018**.

### Entomological Society President's Education Awards

<https://www.entsoc.org/awards/professional/educational>

The Entomological Society of America's (ESA) President's Prizes for Outstanding Achievement in Primary and Secondary Education recognize educators who have gone beyond the traditional teaching methods by using insects as educational tools. One winner will be chosen from teachers of grades K-6 and one from teachers of grades 7-12 (up to \$400 to the winner's school to purchase teaching materials required to expand the use of insects in the teaching curriculum, up to \$400 to the winner for expenses associated with travel required to present a paper or poster on the use of insects in primary or secondary educational programs at a peer professional venue of their choice, gratis registration to attend ESA's Annual Meeting, up to \$800 to the winner for expenses associated with travel, hotel arrangements, and all other costs associated with attending the ESA Annual Meeting). Teachers who win this award must be available to present a lesson plan at a symposium during the ESA Annual Meeting. Membership in ESA is not required. Also, a separate nominator is not required; applicants may nominate themselves. Deadline: **June 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 can 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: **June 1, 2018, and October 15, 2018**.

### Penguin Teacher Random House Awards for Literacy

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

Teachers can apply or be for these awards. \$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 Houston, TX from November 15-18, 2018. Deadline: **June 1, 2018.**

### **Fuel Up to Play**

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

Fuel Up to Play 60 offers funding to K-12 schools enrolled in its wellness program. Eligible schools may apply for up to \$4,000 to help increase awareness of and access to nutrient-rich foods and physical activity opportunities for students. The grants can be used for a variety of activities and tools, such as food-service materials and equipment, nutrition and physical education materials, student and staff incentives, staff development, and overall Fuel Up to Play 60 program implementation. Many environmental education programs can be a part of a school wellness plan that focuses on nutrition and physical activity, including school vegetable gardens and orchards, outdoor classrooms, nature trails, and Farm to School programs. The list of recent SCS recipients is long: Bruce, Carver, Cherokee, Fox Meadows, Gardenview, Grahamwood, Grandview Heights, Granville T. Woods, Hickory Ridge Elementary, Highland Oaks, JP Freeman, Kingsbury High, Knight Rd., Lowrance, Lucie E. Campbell, Lucy, MAHS, Memphis Business Academy, Northwest Prep, Oakhaven Elementary, Oakhaven Middle, Raleigh-Bartlett Meadows, Riverview K-8, and Robert R. Church. Deadlines: **June 13, 2018, and November 7, 2018.**

### **Donald Graves Writing Award**

<http://www2.ncte.org/awards/donald-graves-writing-award/>

Nominations are currently being received to recognize teachers in grades K-6 who, through the teaching of writing, demonstrate an understanding of student improvement in writing. Nomination applications must include a reflective essay and three portfolios of student writing. The award recipient is presented a certificate and honorarium at the Elementary Section Get-Together during the NCTE Annual Convention. Deadline: **June 15, 2018.**

### **Crayola's Champion Creatively Alive Children Program**

<http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program>

In collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), Crayola offers up to 20 grants for elementary or middle schools (\$2,500 plus \$1,000 worth of Crayola products). Kate Bond Elementary was a 2011 winner. The applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. If you are not the principal, please collaborate with your school's leader to develop the plan. Deadline: **June 22, 2018.**

### **NCTE Media Literacy Award**

<http://www2.ncte.org/awards/ncte-media-literacy-award/>

This award showcases NCTE members who have developed innovative approaches for integrating media analysis and composition into their instruction. Past winners have included teachers from middle and high schools. Deadline: **June 30, 2018.**

### **Target Youth Soccer Grants**

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/youth-soccer-grants>

The Target youth soccer grants program provides \$1,000 grants for player registration fees, player and field equipment, and training and professional development for volunteer coaches. Any eligible school, government agency, non-profit organization or non-profit regional/local soccer organization within the U.S., serving youth 5 to 18 years old, can apply. A preference will be given to programs serving in-need communities. Deadline: **June 30, 2018.**

### **Great Stories Club**

<https://apply.ala.org/greatstories>

The American Library Association (ALA) is accepting applications for the Great Stories Club, a grant program in which library workers lead reading and discussion programs with underserved teens in their communities. The Great Stories Club is made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Up to 150 grants will be awarded. Grantees receive 11 paperback copies of up to four book selections (10 to gift to participants; 1 for discussion leader/library collection; travel and accommodation expenses paid for one staff member to attend a 1 ½-day project orientation workshop in Chicago; programming materials, including discussion guides, related reading lists and promotional resources). Deadline: **July 9, 2018.**

### **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: **August 1, 2018**.

### **Tennessee Environmental Education Association Mini-Grants**

<http://eeintennessee.org/Files/eetn/2018/TEEA2018MINI.pdf>

Each year, TEEA offers mini-grants up to \$300 to be used for environmental education projects. A description of the project as well as the amount requested should be listed on your application. Past winners of these grants have used the funds to purchase garden supplies, binoculars, bird feeders and many other items to enhance students' experiences in understanding the natural world. Preference will be given to projects involving large numbers of students. TEEA Members (who have been members since May 1, 2018) may download and print the form here to apply for a mini-grant. Deadline: **September 1, 2018**.

### **Toolbox for Education**

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/home>

Funding requests (\$2,000-\$5,000) should have a permanent impact such as facility renovations and safety improvements, technology upgrades and tools for STEM programs. Grant money cannot be used to pay for memorials, stipends, salaries, artists in residence, field trips, scholarships, or third party funding. The next grant cycle will open August 6. Deadline: **September 28, 2018**.

### **CAP (Civil Air Patrol) Grants for Educators**

[http://ae.capmembers.com/for\\_educators/educator-grants--scholarship-information/](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, 2018, and March 31, 2019**.

### **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, 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. Deadlines: **October 1, 2018, and March 1, 2019**.

### **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, 2018, and March 1, 2019.**

### **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. Your best chance at funding a program at your school would be to partner with a local non-profit to design a program to serve your students. Deadline: **October 1, 2018.**

### **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, 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. Deadline: **October 10, 2018.**

### **NEA Grants to Educators**

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### **Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants**

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

Teaching Tolerance supports educators who embrace and embed anti-bias principles throughout their schools. The Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants, ranging from \$500-\$10,000, further this mission by supporting projects that promote affirming school climates and educate youth to thrive in a diverse democracy. Teaching Tolerance grants will fund three different types of projects: classroom-level, school-level and district-level. At the classroom level, teachers will use the grants to fund programming that promotes empathy and kindness, positive identity development, perspective taking, critical thinking about injustice and collective action. At the school and district levels, leadership teams will use the grants to improve school climate, reduce hate, support culturally responsive practices and implement

anti-bias curricula. Whether implemented at the school, classroom or district level, projects must culminate in measurable student outcomes and demonstrable student work. **No set deadline.**

#### **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.**

#### **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: **Rolling.**

#### **Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants**

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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

### Éste Es Mi México Children's Drawing Contest

<http://files.constantcontact.com/9720dd27501/96493242-da9d-4f27-b891-2e9eedb66d3c.pdf>

Children aged 6 to 14 are invited to participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Drawing Contest sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME). The topic is "Éste Es Mi México: history, traditions, gastronomy, beaches, music." 12 winners will receive a package of Mexican literature, a certificate, and a surprise gift. 50 "special mention" winners will receive a package of Mexican literature and a certificate. All 62 selected drawings will be featured in the IME 2018 calendar. Deadline: **May 31, 2018**.

### Young Birder of the Year Contest

<http://youngbirders.aba.org/young-birder-of-the-year-contest>

Young people ages 10-18 are invited to compete in the American Birding Association's (ABA) Young Birder of the Year (YBY) contest, designed to help young birders discover new skills and enhance their talents. Entries will be judged in two age group, 10-13 and 14-18. Contestants can choose from five modules to customize the contest to fit their talents and interests (Field Notebook, Conservation/Community Leadership, Illustration, Writing, Photography). Judges will select one first-place winner per age group in each of the five modules. The top three finishers in each module per age group will be listed on the ABA YBY results webpage and will be eligible to receive prizes. Registration Deadline: **June 15, 2018**.

### Ocean Awareness Student Contest

<https://bowseat.org/contests/ocean-awareness-contest/overview/>

Middle and high school students are invited to participate in the Ocean Awareness Student Contest. This year's theme is "Our Oceans in a Changing Climate." Submissions should explore the relationship between human systems, climate change, and our oceans. Students are challenged to create a piece that not only presents issues and challenges, but also communicates a message that inspires others to act. You are encouraged to connect your submission to your own life, your local community, or something else that motivates you. Submissions are accepted in visual art, poetry, prose, film and music. Awards range from \$100 for honorable mentions to \$1,500 for the gold awards. The Making Waves Award will be awarded to one submission in each age division that demonstrates a powerful, engaging, and original voice of ocean activism. Winners receive a \$250 cash prize. Deadline: **June 18, 2018**.

### 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: **July 1, 2018, and October 1, 2018**.

### IndieMemphis Youth Film Fest

<http://indiememphis.com/youth>

Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to get started now on a short film in any genre (under 10 minutes is strongly recommended, and films can shot with any type of equipment including cell phones). Film submissions are free, with the opportunity to have films reviewed by national film professionals and to compete for awards and showings on the Halloran's big screen. Deadline: **August 1, 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](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.**