



School Grant News

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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://getedfunding.com>
- <https://twitter.com/GrantsBuzz>
- <http://eeintennessee.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.114.37935&tid=85010>

Interested in **teacher travel opportunities**?

- <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)
- <https://www.teachingtraveling.com/tag/grants/> (a teacher has assembled a list of over 200 opportunities)

Want a Learning Garden for your school? **Big Green** is accepting applications to start a garden on your campus!

- <https://biggreen.org/apply/>

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

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

IKnowIt has a monthly drawing for elementary math manipulatives:

- <https://www.iknowit.com/contest.html>

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.

Audubon Teachers of Color "Sharing Nature" Scholarships

<https://hogisland.audubon.org/programs/scholarships>

The five-day program at Hog Island Audubon Camp in Maine is designed for science and non-science educators to generate exciting ideas for creating and incorporating environmental education activities into your curriculum. Inspiring and experienced instructors will share their favorite approaches, methods, and activities for engaging you, and your students, with nature. Workshop presentations and guided field trips on the island will incorporate techniques in field biology, art, music, photography, theater, journaling, and other disciplines. Scholarships for teachers of color are available that cover \$900 of the \$1,095 cost. **Now open.**

McCarthy Dressman Academic Enrichment Grants

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

Academic Enrichment Grants (up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$30,000 over three years) are designed to develop in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning and that nurture the intellectual, artistic and creative abilities of children from low-income households. Teachers from two SCS high schools are past recipients. Deadline: **April 15, 2020.**

McCarthy Dressman Teacher Development Grants

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

The Teacher Development Grants support small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking K-12 classroom instruction. The grants provide opportunities for teachers to integrate fresh strategies that encourage critical inquiry and to observe their effects on students. Teachers have the opportunity to reflect and write about their projects, as well as to share their results with other teachers. The McCarthy Dressman Foundation awards grants to individuals in amounts up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$30,000 over three years. Deadline: **April 15, 2020.**

SCBWI Amber Brown Grant

<https://www.scbwi.org/awards/grants/amber-brown-grant/>

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators offers the Amber Brown Grant to commemorate author and beloved school speaker, Paula Danziger. One school is awarded each year with an author or illustrator visit and new books to continue Paula's love of connecting children with creative influences. SCBWI reserves the right not to confer this award in any given year. Deadline: **April 15, 2020.**

Siemens Possibility Grant Sweepstakes

<https://www.siemensstemday.com/sweepstakes>

Enter the Possibility Grant Sweepstakes daily for your chance to win \$10,000 for STEM at your Title I school! "Fab" your lab with the latest and greatest gadgets, or purchase top-tier technology and supplies for STEM students. One school will be selected as the Grand Prize Winner in May 2020. The Grand Prize will consist of a \$10,000 Siemens Possibility Grant, awarded in the form of a check made payable to the winning school and intended to be used by the school for a science lab makeover and/or STEM-related equipment, supplies, or technology. Deadline: **April 28, 2020.**

Voya Unsung Hero

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/>

Each year there is a \$2,000 winner for each state, and many MCS/SCS teachers have been past Tennessee winners. There is also a \$25,000 national winner. Deadline: **April 30, 2020.**

Colocation America STEM Grants

<https://www.colocationamerica.com/stem-grant>

K-12 teachers in STEM-specializing schools are eligible to apply for these awards (up to \$7,500). Deadline: **May 1, 2020.**

Sherlock Holmes Teaching Grants

<http://www.beaconsociety.com/the-jan-stauber-grant.html>

The grants will provide up to \$750 to fund the development of a project that will introduce young people to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories about his famous fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes. Previous awardees have used Sherlock Holmes to teach English, literature, history, mathematics, deductive reasoning, forensics, and critical thinking to students from elementary through high school. Deadline: **May 1, 2020.**

Penguin Teacher Random House Awards for Literacy

<https://social-impact.penguinrandomhouse.com/teacherawards/>

Teachers can apply or be nominated 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 November. Deadline: **May 3, 2020.**

Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/#youth-literacy-grants>

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply for up to \$4,000 in funding to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. Deadline: **May 21, 2020**.

Penguin Random House & NCTE Teacher Award for Lifelong Readers and the Maya Angelou Teacher Award for Poetry

https://tools.eventpower.com/speaker_management/index/20NCTE-PRLIFE

Teachers can apply or be nominated for these awards. A \$10,000 award will be made in each category, along with \$2,500 in Penguin Random House titles. Transportation, lodging and conference registration is also provided for the grant recipients to attend the Penguin Random House Awards event at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference in November. Deadline: **May 31, 2020**.

TALMA

<https://www.talmaisrael.com/>

TALMA is a joint initiative of The Schusterman Family Foundation, The Steinhardt Family Foundation in Israel, and the Israeli Government. Two hundred teachers receive a summer or year-long all-expenses-paid opportunity in Israel. Mornings, teach English in a low-income community alongside an Israeli co-teacher. Afternoons, learn from social impact ventures in the Start-Up Nation. Evenings and weekends, explore and experience the best of Israel. Deadline: **May 31, 2020** (applications are reviewed on a rolling basis).

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: **June 1, 2020**.

ILA Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/awards-grants/ila-regie-routman-teacher-recognition-grant>

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant is a \$2,500 annual grant that honors an outstanding K–8 classroom teacher dedicated to improving and enriching the teaching and learning of purposeful reading and writing across the curriculum. At least 60 percent of the school's students must qualify for free or reduced lunch. The grant may not be used for purchase of commercial programs or technology hardware. Applicants must be ILA members. Deadline: **June 1, 2020**.

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. Grants are only available to NEA members. Past MCS/SCS recipient schools include Lucie E. Campbell, Manassas High, Spring Hill, South Park, and Trezevant. Deadline: **June 1, 2020**.

Toshiba America Foundation 6-12 Grants

<https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

6-12 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a Toshiba America Foundation grant of not more than \$5,000 for project based learning designed to make science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Funds cannot be used for computers. Deadline: **June 1, 2020.**

National Council for the Social Studies

<https://www.socialstudies.org/awards/global-understanding>

The National Council for the Social Studies is accepting applications for the Award for Global Understanding given in honor of James M. Becker, which recognizes a social studies educator (or a team of educators) who has made notable contributions in helping social studies students increase their understanding of the world. The award includes a \$2,000 cash award, a session to present at the NCSS annual conference; complimentary NCSS conference registration; and up to \$700 in transportation/lodging reimbursement. Nominees must be NCSS members at the time of nomination. Deadline: **June 2, 2020.**

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.**

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.**

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. The application period opens August 1. **No set deadline.**

Pollinator Quest

<https://heroforthepланet.org/quests/pollinator-quest/>

Small materials grants are available for upper elementary classrooms participating in this quest. **No set deadline.**

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.**

Opportunities for Students

Paradigm Challenge Student Contest

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

In collaboration with the Red Cross, the Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition that invites students aged 4 to 18 around the world to use kindness, creativity, and collaboration to help solve a real-life problem and make a difference in

the world. \$100,000 will be awarded as a grand prize, with smaller prizes ranging from \$200 to \$10,000. Educator grants are also offered in amounts up to \$5,000. **Open now through May 2021.**

Sixth Circuit 2020 Student Essay Contest

<https://connections.ca6.uscourts.gov/civics-contest>

11th and 12th grade students in Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio are welcomed to participate in this essay contest on The Roles of Civics Education in Protecting the Rule of Law. Cash prizes (\$1,000-\$2,000) will be awarded to the top three finishers, and winners will be announced in May. Deadline: **April 24, 2020.**

Stronger Than Hate Challenge

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

The Stronger Than Hate Challenge invites students ages 13-18 to create a video, write a poem, song, or blog, or produce a painting or piece of artwork that demonstrates the chosen medium's potential to create a community that is stronger than hate. Winning entries are eligible to win up to \$10,000 in prizes. Deadline: **June 2, 2020.**

Power of Youth Challenge

<https://www.americaspromise.org/program-page/power-youth-challenge>

All young people ages 13 – 18 who want to improve their communities are eligible to apply. Project teams are encouraged and should be made up of at least 3 young people. Each team will receive coaching and support including access to financial support in the form of mini grants of up to \$250. The amount of each grant will be determined by project needs. Deadline: **June 30, 2020.**

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, 2020, and October 1, 2020.**

Everyday Young Heroes

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

Each week, the YSA Team selects one young person to receive this honor and receive a \$250 grant. **Rolling.**

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.**