

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://librarygrants.blogspot.com/>
- <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>
- <http://eeintennessee.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.114.37935&tid=85010>
- <https://thejournal.com/articles/resources/upcoming-grants-and-events.aspx>

Look for monthly STEM competitions for teachers and students from the **Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education**:

- <https://orise.orau.gov/resources/k12/competitions-for-educators.html>

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>

Dollar General Youth Literacy grant applications will be accepted beginning March 11:

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

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.

McCarthy Dressman Academic Enrichment Grants

<https://mccarthydressman.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, 2021 (or when 350 applications are received)**.

McCarthy Dressman Teacher Development Grants

<https://mccarthydressman.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, 2021 (or when 350 applications are received)**.

Book Love Foundation Grants

<https://www.booklovefoundation.org/apply>

Eligible applicants are full-time PreK-12 teachers who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to independent reading and book clubs as regular classroom practices. Book awards (ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in value) are made for classroom

libraries, owned by the teacher, and are awarded in exchange for the teacher's help in documenting students' reading habits. Deadline: **March 15, 2021.**

Diverse Leaders Network

https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/dln_selection_2021?mc_cid=47f15b0f0f&mc_eid=31d3e550db

The Diverse Leaders Network supports teachers from historically underrepresented groups in earning a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at no cost to the teacher or the district. Applicants must ensure that they meet university admissions requirements of Tennessee State University, are able to attend up to four coaching sessions or workshops during the 2021-22 school year, and must have at least 3 years of classroom experience prior to the start of August 2021. Applicants with a Director of Schools and/or Principal recommendation and ability to serve in a leadership position for a minimum of one period per school day are strongly preferred; however, applicants may apply directly for this opportunity. Courses will go from August 2021 – June 2021 with a culmination of 33 total credit hours. Grant funds will cover tuition and fees. Participants are responsible for the cost of the Praxis exam and textbook expenses. Approximately 25 participants will be selected from across the state through a competitive application process. Applicants may be selected if they already possess a Master's Degree outside of Educational Leadership, but candidates already holding the degree or currently enrolled in a program may not be selected. Deadline: **March 15, 2021.**

Grammy Music Educator Award

<http://www.grammyintheschools.com/programs/grammy-music-educator-award>

The GRAMMY Music Educator Award was created to shine a spotlight on the excellent and impactful work being done by thousands of music teachers across the US. In order to be eligible, teachers must teach music full-time in public or private schools, kindergarten through college. Teachers must not be planning to retire at the end of the current school year. Teachers in after-school, private studios, or other educational settings are not available. Teachers may self nominate or be nominated by school administrators, students, parents, the general public, or recording academy members. Nominations must be submitted online. The winner will receive a \$10,000 grant. Deadline: **March 15, 2021.**

NEA Leadership & Learning

<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/learning-and-leadership-grants/>

Applicants must be teachers, education support professionals, or specialized instructional support personnel and must be current NEA members. Grant funds (\$2,000 or \$5,000) can be used for travel, room, meals, registration fees, materials, etc. for individual grants. For group grants, funds can be used for educator stipends, substitute fees, materials, travel, meals, etc. NEA encourages applications to request support for ongoing response efforts to needs that emerged or worsened due to the pandemic, as well as for racial equity work. However, applications that do not fall into either of these categories will also be considered. Grants fund activities for 12 months from the date of the award (May 2021). Deadline: **March 19, 2021.**

NEA Student Success Grants

<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-success-grants/>

Applicants must be teachers, education support professionals, or specialized instructional support personnel and must be current NEA members. Grant funds (\$2,000 or \$5,000) can be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology, or scholars-in-residence. Although some funds may be used to support the professional development necessary to implement the project, the majority of grant funds must be spent on materials or educational experiences for students. NEA encourages applications to request support for ongoing response efforts to needs that emerged or worsened due to the pandemic, as well as for racial equity work. However, applications that do not fall into either of these categories will also be considered. Grants fund activities for 12 months from the date of the award (May 2021). Deadline: **March 19, 2021.**

AASL Inspire COVID Recovery Grants

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/inspire/special>

Through a special offering of its Inspire Collection Development Grant, made possible through the generous support of Marina "Marney" Welmers, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will offer a second round of grants to specifically address collection loss and remote access requirements due to COVID-19 public school closures. The grants are intended to help meet the needs of **public middle and high school libraries** making the return to in-person learning.

Purchasing can include books, online subscriptions and/or software collections, as well as accessibility extensions (hotspots, increased bandwidth, etc.). At least four grants of up to \$5,000 will be funded. The application includes a two-page narrative that allows the applicant to describe their need and how they will use the funds. Deadline: **March 26, 2021**.

My Favorite Teacher

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/my-favorite-teacher>

High school students aged 14 and older can submit an essay, poem or thank you letter (500 words or less) honoring either a past or current teacher and telling how the teacher has influenced their life and set them up on a path for success. Both the winning teacher and the school where they work will receive a \$5,000 prize. The student who writes the winning entry will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble gift card. Deadline: **March 31, 2021**.

National History Teacher of the Year Award

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/content/national-history-teacher-year>

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History awards the National History Teacher of the Year title each year in an effort to promote the study and love of American history. Any full-time K-12 educators who teach American history (including state and local history) are eligible for the award. American history may be taught as an individual subject or through social studies, reading, language arts, and other subjects. The nominated teacher must have at least three years of classroom teaching experience and must be planning to teach for at least one year following the award year. Past state and national winners are not eligible, and self-nominations are not accepted. Nominators may be students, parents, colleagues, principals, or other administrators familiar with the teacher's work. Nominations must be submitted online. The national winner is awarded \$10,000. State winners are awarded \$1,000. Nomination deadline: **March 31, 2021**.

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grants

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

The Garden Grant program provides a \$3,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible educational garden. Deadline: **March 31, 2021**.

Amber Brown Grant

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

The Amber Brown Grant commemorates 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. The chosen school will also receive a \$250 stipend to create a memorable day and \$250 worth of books by the visiting author/illustrator. Deadline: **April 15, 2021**.

ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grants

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/hachhighschool.html>

Applicants must teach high school chemistry. Grants of up to \$1,500 support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry. Deadline: **April 14, 2021**.

NSHSS School Supplies Grants

<https://www.nshss.org/educators/grants/school-supplies-grant/>

High school educators in the U.S., particularly those who are also heads of clubs in their schools, is eligible to apply for one of 20 high school educators \$500 grants to help provide additional opportunities to their students and classrooms. Deadline: **April 25, 2021**.

National History Teacher of the Year

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/national-history-teacher-year/eligibility>

Any full-time educator of grades K–12 who teaches American history (including state and local history) is eligible for consideration. Teachers must have been teaching for three years, and self-nominations are not acceptable. State winners receive \$1,000 and automatic consideration for the national prize of \$10,000. Deadline: **April 30, 2021**.

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, 2021**.

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. Deadlines: **June 1, 2021, and October 1, 2021**.

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**.

Believe in Reading

<https://www.believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/>

School districts are eligible applicants for this grant program. Funded applications will feature successful literacy programs which serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. All awards are at least \$1,000 (and up to \$10,000) and are renewable for up to three years. **Rolling**.

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://herofortheplanet.org/quests/pollinator-quest/>

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

Toshiba American Foundation Grants for Grades 6-12

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

Sixth to 12th grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a Toshiba America Foundation grant of up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000 to help bring an innovative project into their own classroom. Applications must be for project based learning. The foundation does not consider requests for computers, laptops or tablets. Deadline: **Rolling**.

Opportunities for Students

Power of Youth Challenge: COVID-19 Response Grants

<https://www.americaspromise.org/program-page/power-youth-challenge-covid-19-response-grants>

Grants of \$250 are available for service projects led by youth aged 13 to 18 which follow CDC social distancing best practices. Deadline: **Not Specified**.

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.

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