



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

- <https://www.weareteachers.com/education-grants/>
- <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>

Wanda Oliver at **Dunbar Elementary** writes, "I recently received a \$2000 grant from The Dollar General Literacy foundation for my Reading Bistro Project and my Donors Choose project (The Trio Project, Literacy, Laptops and Learning) was recently fully funded by The University of Memphis during the Extra Yard for Teachers Campaign." Congratulations!

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.

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.**

Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/hayesaward>

The Maureen Hayes Award supports a visit by a nationally recognized children's book author or illustrator to a community, with emphasis on providing opportunities for children and youth for whom a visit with an author/illustrator is a first-time experience. Previous winners of the Hayes Award include public libraries, elementary school libraries, and partnerships between public libraries and public or charter schools. The \$4,000 cash award may be used only to cover the author/illustrator's honorarium and travel expenses to and from the host community. The host institution makes the travel arrangements and pays the travel costs, which are reimbursed by the award. The host institution and any partners in the visit are responsible for expenses such as lodging for the author/illustrator, publicity for the visit, and any reception or other hospitality honoring the guest. To be eligible to apply for the award, applicants must be personal members of the ALSC as well as the ALA. Deadline: **November 15, 2020.**

Junior League of Memphis Innovative Teaching Grants

<https://www.jlmemphis.org/innovative-teaching-grants/>

This program awards grants to PK-12 teachers in need (at least 80% will go to teachers in Title I schools) in the Memphis metro area. Past recipients are eligible. The focus of the 2020-2021 Innovative Teaching Grants will be providing excellent academic and social/emotional instruction while students are either learning at home or learning in socially-distanced classrooms, given the COVID-19 pandemic. In general, funds **MAY** be used for artist visits to classroom, computer software, tickets to performing or visual arts events (not to exceed more than 50 percent of grant monies), consumable materials and supplies. Funds **MAY NOT** be used for major equipment, computers, tablets, computer hardware, capital improvements, teacher/staff compensation, food, transportation or digital cameras. Grants will be awarded up to \$2,500. Deadline: **November 23, 2020.**

Sow True Seed Donation Program

<https://sowtrueseed.com/pages/seed-donation-program>

Sow True Seed donates out-of-date seed packets (from the year before, but still viable) to deserving organizations, with an emphasis on school and community gardens. Recipients must pay postage. Deadline: **November 30, 2020.**

Carton 2 Garden Contest

<http://carton2garden.com/>

The sixth annual national Carton 2 Garden Contest, sponsored by Evergreen Packaging, is now accepting registrations! Contest winners will be selected based on their implementation of an innovative garden creation featuring creative and sustainable uses for repurposed milk and juice cartons. Your school can get started by collecting at least 100 empty cartons from your home, community, or cafeteria. Fifteen entries will be selected to receive award packages (up to \$5,000) for their efforts. Deadline: **December 1, 2020.**

Puffin Foundation West

<http://puffinwest.org>

Puffin West is looking for projects that use art to discuss social and civil justice issues including food insecurity, peace, prisons, discrimination, race, culture, sexual orientation, censorship, children's rights, trafficking, global warming, environmental protection, nuclear proliferation, poverty, gender issues, racial profiling, immigration, bullying, violence in schools, homelessness, gun control, animal rights, and etc." Grant awards are for up to \$2,500. Deadline: **December 4, 2020.**

Vernier Technology Awards

<https://static.nsta.org/pdfs/awards/Vernier.pdf>

Vernier and the National Science Teachers' Association will make awards (\$1,000 prize; \$3,000 in Vernier products; and up to \$1,500 towards expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education) to 1 K-5 science teacher, 2 middle school science teachers, and 3 high school science teachers. Deadline: **December 10, 2020.**

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow

<https://www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/>

The contest challenges students in grades 6-12 to show how STEM can be applied to help improve their communities. Just by applying, teachers will receive free professional development opportunities. Schools will win prizes with advancement in the contest (\$10,000 packages for semi-finalists, \$50,000 package for finalists, and \$100,000 package for the winner). Deadline for entries: **December 13, 2020**.

ALDI's Smart Kids Grants

<https://corporate.aldi.us/en/corporate-responsibility/aldi-smart-kids/>

ALDI Smart Kids is dedicated to supporting the health and wellness of the children in communities served by ALDI. Support ranges from monetary donations to ALDI gift cards. Requests (for \$100 to \$5000) should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the date the requested donation is needed to allow time for application review and payment processing. Deadline: **Rolling, through December 15**.

ALSC/Candlewick Press "Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" Grants

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway>

"Light the Way: Outreach to the Underserved" Grants are offered to libraries (including school libraries) to conduct outreach programs to underserved populations through new programs or the expansion of existing programs. Preference is given to programs serving children with learning or physical differences, ESL speakers, children from nontraditional school environments or in foster care, children in the juvenile justice system, or those who need accommodation services. Interested applicants must be ALA members. Applications must be submitted online; supporting statements must be submitted by email. Deadline: **December 16, 2020**.

Youth Garden Grants

<https://kidsgardening.org/2021-youth-garden-grant/>

30 awards will be made to nonprofit organizations, public or private schools, or youth programs planning a new garden program or expanding an established one. Your program must at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18. Five award packages valued at \$1,700 will be given, and 25 award packages valued at \$700 will be given. Deadline: **December 18, 2020**.

VFW Teacher of the Year

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a certified/licensed elementary, junior high and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Winners receive a \$1,000 award for professional development expenses; \$1,000 award for his/her school; plaques; and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award. Deadline: **January 1, 2021**.

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

<https://www.aiaa.org/get-involved/students-educators/aiaa-foundation-classroom-grant-program>

The AIAA Foundation believes that one of the most significant means to inspire and advance the future of Aerospace is to fund grants to meet the unmet and unfunded educational need of students. Each school year, AIAA awards grants of up to \$500 to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning. Allowable expenses focus on materials and supplies for classroom projects. Teachers must be AIAA members. Deadline: **January 15, 2021**.

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: **January 18, 2021**.

Bostitch Creativity in the Classroom Grants

<https://bostitchoffice.com/classroom-grant>

K-12 teachers are invited to submit a lesson plan for the chance to win a \$250 grant to be used for classroom supplies. To enter, create and submit a lesson plan that exemplifies "creativity in the classroom." Two entries will be selected based on creativity, originality, and impact. Deadline: **January 20, 2021.**

Fund for Teachers

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

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/application-learning-center/>

Teachers with 3 or more years' experience may apply for up to \$5,000 and teams may apply for up to \$10,000 for self-designed professional development opportunities to occur in Summer 2021. Upon award, Fellows will receive 90 percent of their grant, the remaining 10 percent to be reimbursed upon completion of post-fellowship requirements. Deadline: **January 21, 2021.**

AASL Innovative Reading Grant

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

The AASL Innovative Reading Grant (\$2,500) supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children in Grades K-9 which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers. The applicant must be an AASL member. Additional grant programs can be found at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>.

Deadline: **February 1, 2021.**

AASL Inspire Collection Development Grants

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

Approximately four grants of \$5,000 apiece will be given each year to a middle school or high school to extend, update, and diversify the book, online, subscription and/or software collections in their library in order to realize sustainable improvement in student achievement at their school. Schools with 85% or higher economic disadvantage will receive preference. Additional grant programs can be found at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>. Deadline: **February 1, 2021.**

AASL Inspire Special Event Grants

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

Approximately five grants of \$2,000 apiece will be given each year to a middle school or high school librarian who proposes to a special short-term project or event that would create new or enhance educational activities in order to engage students with and in the library and to promote reading, books, literacy and authors. Schools with 85% or higher economic disadvantage will receive preference. Additional grant programs can be found at

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>. Deadline: **February 1, 2021.**

AASL Ruth Tool Grant for Strong Public School Libraries

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/toor>

The applying school librarian must be an AASL member. The award includes \$3,000 to create and implement a project that promotes school library awareness and its accomplishments to school officials and administrators plus \$2,000 to allow the librarian and additional school official or volunteer to travel to the AASL conference. Additional grant programs can be found at <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>. Deadline: **February 1, 2021.**

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: **February 1, 2021.**

Association of American Educators Classroom Grants

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

Classroom grants are available to all full-time educators who have not received a scholarship or grant from AAE in the past two years. Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional weight in the scoring rubric. Classroom grants (\$500) can be used for a variety of projects and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and lab materials. Funds must be used within one year of the application deadline. Deadline: **March 1, 2021.**

Association of American Educators Foundation Teacher Scholarships

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

Teacher scholarships (\$500) can be used for a wide variety of professional development opportunities and materials. These include conferences, inservices, and materials for PLCs. The scholarship will cover all associated costs with attending these events or obtaining these materials. Teacher scholarships do not cover classes or materials in pursuit of a graduate degree. Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional weight in the scoring rubric. Deadline: **March 1, 2021.**

James Madison Graduate Fellowships

<https://www.jamesmadison.gov/index.php>

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level (applicants must be committed to teaching American history, American government, or civics classes where you will teach topics on the Constitution full-time in grades 7–12). Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. As funding permits, the Foundation plans to offer one fellowship per state per year. Deadline: **March 1, 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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. **Rolling.**