



## School Grant News

### October 2020

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](mailto:burrbc@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>

Congratulations to Tabitha Birdsong, a second grade teacher at Oakhaven Elementary. She is a recipient of a \$2,000 youth literacy grant from the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**. Other winners from SCS represent Chimneyrock Elementary, Dunbar Elementary, and Mount Pisgah Middle.

Cordova Elementary was a 2020 winner for a **TVA STEM Classroom Grant**. See below for information about how to apply for this year's competition (deadline October 16).

Schools in **Tami Sawyer's District 7** may want to collaborate with their partners to prepare a pre-application for a chance to win a \$50,000 grant focused on Youth and Education and/or COVID 19. The deadline for pre-applications is October 15:

- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkCbN3i5ENV6OJJSYT3bXL-Uy\\_NqbUMfcy6rQZavhvkJUyQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkCbN3i5ENV6OJJSYT3bXL-Uy_NqbUMfcy6rQZavhvkJUyQ/viewform)

If you have received a grant and would like to share your success, please contact Blake Burr, [burrbc@scsk12.org](mailto: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.

#### Clear the List Foundation Grants

## <https://www.clearthelistfoundation.org/clorox-grant>

Leslie Garrison at Kate Bond Elementary encourages all teachers to apply for this first-come first-serve opportunity. Teachers will have the opportunity to receive rewards of up to \$500 for their classrooms. Teachers will also be able to enter the Clorox sweepstakes to win up to \$25,000 for themselves and their school. Selected teachers will be asked to have their employment verified by the school principal. **First-come first-serve.**

## **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.**

## **Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education**

### <https://wildones.org/wp-content/images/SFE-Grant-Application.pdf>

SFE applicants may request \$150 to \$500 to purchase native plants and seed for the grant year. Deadline: **October 15, 2020.**

## **TVA STEM Grants**

### <https://www.tsin.org/classroom-grants>

Teachers can apply for up to \$5,000 for classroom projects focused on Environment, Energy, Economic and Career Development, or Community Problem Solving. Travel costs are not allowable. Student technology costs are allowable but should not be emphasized since SCS has recently purchased student laptops. The grant web site offers examples of allowable social distancing materials that can be purchased. In addition, it provides examples of funded projects. Cordova Elementary was a 2020 recipient. Deadline: **October 16, 2020.**

## **Budding Botanist Grant Program**

### <https://kidsgardening.org/2021-budding-botanist-grant/>

Kids Gardening and the Klorane Botanical Foundation are accepting applications to the Budding Botanist Grant Program. Any Title I public K-12 school is eligible to apply. Applicants must be planning a new or expanding an existing school garden program designed to teach students about environmental sustainability and the importance of biodiversity. Fifteen schools will receive an award package valued at \$1,200 (a check for \$1000 to spend on materials to help bring garden-based learning opportunities to students and a package of tools and educational materials valued at \$200). Deadline: **October 30, 2020.**

## **Annie's Homegrown School Garden Grants**

### <https://www.annies.com/giving-back/grants-for-gardens>

Annie's Homegrown, Inc. offers grants to schools and educational programs to build school gardens. Since 2008, Annie's has helped fund more than 400 school gardens. Eligible programs must be associated with kindergarten through grade 12 schools within the United States and must focus on connecting children to real food. Funds may be used to buy gardening tools, seeds, or other needed supplies. The online grant application form is available on the website. Applicants have two different garden types to choose from: (1) the getting started garden, which provides funding for a brand-new school garden program (\$3,000); or (2) the digging deeper garden, which provides funding to deepen an existing school garden program (\$5,000). Deadline: **November 2, 2020.**

## **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**.

### **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**.

### **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**.

#### **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**.

#### **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.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. 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**.

#### **Code Games Challenge**

<https://www.codegameschallenge.org/>

Young innovators ages 10-18 across the globe are invited to create new fun games that envision and ultimately help build a better future for everyone. Prizes are \$1,000 to \$2,000, plus software. Deadline: **October 14, 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](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**.