

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>

The **McCarthy Dressman** grant application period will open January 15 and once a certain number of applications are received, the application period will be closed, so be ready! <https://mccarthydressman.org/>

The **Dollar General Literacy Foundation's** Summer Reading grant competition will open soon:

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/#summer-reading>

Congratulations to all **Junior League of Memphis Innovative Teaching** grant awardees, including LaToya Gill, a 5th grade teacher at Crump Elementary School (\$2,500 grant recipient), and Wanda Oliver, an Instructional resource teacher at Dunbar Elementary (\$1,400 grant recipient)!

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.

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

<https://knowlesteachers.org/>

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.**

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

<http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html>

The Laura Bush Foundation provides funds to the nation's neediest schools so to extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning. The grant award may be used only for books, periodicals, eBooks, reference materials, and magazine/newspaper subscriptions. More than one school in a district may apply for the grant, however, each school must submit their own application. Deadline: **January 29, 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**.

ALA Peggy Barber Tribute Grant

<http://www.ala.org/tools/programming/PeggyBarberGrant>

The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant is an annual grant that recognizes, promotes, and supports meaningful programs in libraries that have limited and/or no access to budgetary support for programming. The grant, named after the late library leader Peggy Barber, aims to help ease library budget challenges by awarding three libraries \$2,500 to support a proposed program, program series, or programming effort. For the inaugural 2020–2021 cycle, libraries are invited to submit applications for a grant to support humanities-based programming. All library types — including public, academic, K-12, tribal and special libraries — are eligible. Applicants must have a personal or institutional ALA membership. Deadline: **February 5, 2021**.

ALA Libraries Transform Communities: Engagement Grant

<http://www.ala.org/tools/programming/LTCEG>

The Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant is an annual grant to recognize, promote, and support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. For the 2020–2021 cycle, libraries (including school libraries) are invited to submit applications for a community engagement project that focuses on anti-racism. One library will be selected to receive \$2,000 to continue or expand its anti-racism community engagement efforts. Applicants must have a personal or institutional ALA membership. Deadline: **February 5, 2021**.

GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant

<https://kidsgardening.org/2021-gromoregood-grassroots-grant/>

The 2021 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant presented by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Awards provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing youth garden programs and greenspaces serving 15 or more youth. Winners will be selected based on their commitment to the maintenance and sustainability of their garden program including plans for growth and future fiscal stability. The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant is open to all nonprofit and tax exempt organizations (including schools) in the United States and US Territories. This year, 175 grants worth a collective total of \$100,000 will be awarded. 150 grant recipients will be awarded a check for \$500 to support their initiatives. The top 25 programs will receive a check for \$1,000. Deadline: **February 5, 2021**.

Snapdragon Book Foundation

<http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/>

The Snapdragon Book Foundation was started by a school librarian from Houston who believes all children deserve access to books. Grants are given to U.S. school libraries serving children, Pre-K through 12 years old. Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Grant funds may be used for: books that will be used repeatedly by school-aged children through classroom libraries, central library (or something similar); processing or cataloging fees from book vendors (for processing of the books ordered in conjunction with your Snapdragon project); reference materials for use by students; and for magazine or newspaper subscriptions. Deadline: **February 14, 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.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. 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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

C-SPAN StudentCam 2021

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

StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students to think critically about issues that affect our communities and our nation. This year students in grades 6-12 are asked to create a short (5-6 minute) video documentary on a topic related to the competition theme, "Explore the issue you most want the president and new Congress to address in 2021." With cash prizes totaling \$100,000 each year, C-SPAN awards prizes to the top 150 student documentaries, and over 50 teacher advisers. Since 2004, C-SPAN has awarded over \$1 million dollars in cash prizes to past-winning students and teachers. Deadline: **January 20, 2021.**

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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