

Grants and Awards Announcements – August/September 2006

Updated regularly, get the latest information about upcoming National grants and awards programs and their deadlines.

Please note the deadlines for application highlighted in yellow.



AASL Awards, Grants and Scholarships

The deadline to apply for most AASL 2006 awards and grants is **February 1, 2007**. The deadline to apply for the School Librarian's Workshop Scholarship is March 1, 2007. The deadline for the 2007 National School Library Media Program of the Year Award is January 2, 2007. Please contact the AASL Awards Program at 800-545-2433 ext. 4382 or aasl@ala.org if you need assistance.

For a full awards and grants list go to:

<http://www.ala.org/aasltemplate.cfm?Section=aaslawards>

Awards up to \$65,000 to expand family literacy

Grant Title: The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

Organization: The Barbara Bush Foundation

Eligibility: Nonprofits

Value: Awards of up to \$65,000

Deadline: September 8, 2006

The foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. In order to be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must meet the following criteria: the organization must have current non-profit or public status and have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application; the organization must have maintained fiscal accountability; and the organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children preK-grade 3, and intergenerational literacy activities (Parent and Child Together time or P.A.C.T. time).

Contact: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

Minigrants to Schools and Public Libraries to Encourage Literacy

Maximum Award: \$350.

Eligibility: School and Public Libraries.

Deadline: September 15, 2006

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers Minigrants to School and Public Libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats are welcome, but not required.

Contact: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/>

More than \$3.5M for innovative use of technology

Grant Title: Best Buy Te@ch Program

Organization: Best Buy

Eligibility: Teachers

Value: Schools receive a \$2,500 Best Buy gift card

Deadline: September 30, 2006

Teachers and schools successfully using interactive technology in the classroom may be selected to receive \$2,500 gift cards from Best Buy. New applications are available July 1, 2006 and winners will be announced in February 2007.

Contact: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp>

\$150,000 for unique student learning opportunities

Grant Title: Kids In Need Teacher Grants

Organization: SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 teachers

Value: Grants range from \$100-\$500

Deadline: September 30, 2006

Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation helps to engage students in the learning process by supporting our most creative and important educational resource - the nation's teachers. Typically, 200-300 grants are awarded.

Contact: http://www.shopa.org/shopa_foundation/teacher_programs.php

\$7,000 for professional development and other studies

Grant Title: The National Education Association Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants

Organization: The National Education Association Foundation

Eligibility: Educators at public K-12 schools or public institutions of higher education

Value: Between \$2,000 and \$5,000

Deadline: October 15, 2006

Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes: grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; and grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Guidelines%20Learning&Leadership.htm>

\$21,000 for innovative data-collection use

Grant Title: Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards

Organization: Vernier Software and Technology and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

Eligibility: Educators

Value: Seven awards of up to \$3,000 each

Deadline: October 15, 2006

A partnership of Vernier Software and Technology and the National Science Teachers Association, this award recognizes the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom. Seven awards will be presented, in the following categories: one elementary (grades K-5); two middle level (grades 6-8); three high school (grades 9-12) and one college.

Contact: http://www2.vernier.com/pdf/2007_vernier_award.pdf

Laura Bush Announces More Than \$20 Million in Librarian Recruitment and Education Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (Multimedia in Schools)

The grants are designed to help offset a current shortage of school library media specialists, library school faculty, and librarians working in underserved communities, as well a looming shortage of library directors and other senior librarians.

Go to MMIS Newsletter for additional information:

<http://www.mmischools.com/Newsletters/MmisXtra.aspx?NewsletterID=466#1>

The We the People Bookshelf Project

A joint initiative, between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office to encourage young people to read and understand classic books in the K-12 reading levels while exploring themes in American history, culture and ideas. A collection of 15 books is awarded to school (K-12) and public libraries through a competitive grant application.

Theme: On the Pursuit Of Happiness NEW!

Application available September 5, 2006

A collection of 15 books for young readers will be given to 2,000 libraries across the United States. This year's theme is the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. Book titles will be announced in September 2006. The online application for this new theme will be available on September 5, 2006 at <http://www.wethepeople.gov/bookshelf>.

The application will be available from September 5, 2006 through January 31, 2007.

The deadline for receipt of the grant application is January 31, 2007.

Only school (K-12) and public libraries in the United States are eligible to apply. Other organizations are encouraged to partner with their local library to promote community-wide reading and exploration of the theme. For the first time, a single application can be submitted on behalf of multiple libraries within a library system, school district, or community. Individual branch or school libraries are also encouraged to apply.