



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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2008: A Year of Challenges and Opportunities

Who among us does not welcome the New Year as a time of opportunity? No doubt that current economic developments in California will affect K12 education. There may be discouraging times ahead, but we cannot defer the needs of our students. CTAP 11 will do its best to continue to provide professional development services and resources to our county's educators.

21st Century Learners: Summer Residential Program at Thacher School in Ojai from July 27- August 1. The *Technology Leadership Collaborative* and the *Digital Classroom* reflect school and district interest in developing site-based technology leadership and advancing technology and media integration. The *Academies' Trainer of Trainers* program will be administered through CTAP 11's consortia leadership. (http://ito.lacoe.edu/workshops/workshops_display.pl)

2008 California School Technology Survey collects data annually to measure progress of integrating technology into California classrooms. The survey must be completed by March 14, 2008. (Hooks_Sonia@lacoe.edu)

The 2008 Digital Voice Awards applications are due on April 14, 2008. (http://ctap.lacoe.edu/content/Digital_Voice_Award_Entries)

Please also check <<http://ctap.lacoe.edu>> for information on our programs and activities.

Deadline—February 15, 2008 (Capability Survey)

Eligibility—School districts

Awards—Five awards of \$600,000 each

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools

Offered by the USDE, this program is designed to help improve and strengthen school emergency management plans.

Contact—Sara Strizzi, sara.strizzi@ed.gov, 303-346-0924, or TA Center at 1-866-540-7367, info@remstacenter.org

Web Site—<http://rems.ed.gov/>

Deadline—February 19, 2008

Eligibility—School districts, including charter schools who are LEAs under State law

Awards—96 awards ranging from \$100,000-\$500,000 each

Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse

Offered by the USDE, this program provides grants to support the development and implementation of innovative and effective programs to reduce alcohol abuse in secondary schools.

Contact—Amalia Cuervo, 202-205-2855, amalia.cuervo@ed.gov

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/dvypalcoholabuse/index.html

Deadline—February 19, 2008

Eligibility—Local education agencies (school districts), including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law

Awards—70 awards ranging from \$250,000-\$450,000 each

New Voices 2008

Sponsored by J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism, the New Voices 2008 project will help fund the start-up of 10 innovative local news initiatives next year.

Contact—301-985-4020, news@j-lab.org

Web Site—www.j-newvoices.org/

Deadline—February 20, 2008

Eligibility—Nonprofit and education institutions, including schools, colleges and universities

Awards—10 start-up grants of \$12,000 each

2008 California Student Media Festival

The Festival celebrates projects and learning with video and multimedia projects by students. There are also awards for teachers. The Festival is not just for the high-end, expert technology users. If your students (or you) are using videomaking or multimedia in your classroom, the Festival is designed to honor your efforts. **Submission date is April 8, 2008.** For more information, go to <www.mediafestival.org/> or send an email to <english@koce.org>.

GRANTS

Professional Development for Arts Educators—Arts in Education

Offered by the USDE, this program supports the implementation of professional development model programs in music, dance, drama, media arts, or visual arts, including folk arts, for arts educators and other instructional staff of grades K-12 students in high-poverty schools.

Contact—PDAE@ed.gov

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/artsedprofdev/index.html

Deadline—February 11, 2008 (Intent to Apply); February 29, 2008 (Application)

Eligibility—Partnerships between high poverty K-12 schools and state or local arts agencies or institutions of higher education

Awards—30 awards estimated at \$200,000 each

Model Development and Dissemination Grant Program—Arts in Education

Sponsored by the USDE, this grant program supports projects that integrate and strengthen arts in the core elementary and middle school curricula; strengthen arts instruction in grades K-8; and improve students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing and responding to the arts.

Contact—Diane Austin, 202-260-1280, artsdemo@ed.gov

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/artsedmodel/index.html

Deadline—February 13, 2008 (Intent to Apply); March 14, 2008 (Application)

Eligibility—Partnerships between K-8 schools and state or local arts agencies or institutions of higher education

Awards—14 awards estimated at \$200,000 each

2008 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

This grant initiative supports innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting. HP will grant awards to K-12 public schools that are using collaborative, team-based approaches to implementing technology integration projects. Some preference will be given to projects that include integration of mathematics and/or science curriculum and that serve low-income students.

Contact—Use the online form in the FAQ section.

Web Site—www.hp.com/go/hpteach

Deadline—February 14, 2008

Eligibility—Teams consisting of 5 teachers at K-12 public schools

Awards—110 schools will be awarded technology equipment and professional development support valued at \$40,000 each.

Toyota Family Literacy Program Grant

Co-sponsored by Toyota and the National Center for Family Literacy, this program is designed to expand literacy programs for Hispanic and other immigrant families. Toyota is seeking five school districts ready to implement the program in fall 2008 in 3 elementary schools.

Contact—502-584-1133 or use the "Contact Us" online form.

Web Site—www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.3781979/



Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

Offered by the USDE, the SLC program is designed to support the implementation of SLCs and activities to improve student academic achievement in large public high schools with enrollments of 1,000 or more students.

Contact—Angela Hernandez-Marshall, smallerlearningcommunities@ed.gov or 202-205-1909

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/index.html

Deadline—February 25, 2008

Eligibility—School districts

Awards—40 awards ranging from \$1M to \$1.7M each for a 5-year project period

Staples Foundation for Learning

The Foundation's goal is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth.

Contact—foundationinfo@staples.com

Web Site—www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html

Deadline—February 29-March 14, 2008

Eligibility—Schools are eligible, if they apply through a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor such as a PTA or local education foundation.

Awards—Average range of \$5,000-\$25,000 each

2008 Innovation Generation Grants

Sponsored by Motorola Foundation, this grant program is designed to provide support to pioneering programs that engage K-12 students and teachers in innovation, science, technology, engineering and math.

Contact—giving@motorola.com

Web Site—www.motorola.com/content.jsp?globalObjectId=8153

Deadline—March 1, 2008

Eligibility—Schools and school districts, non-profit agencies

Awards—Up to \$100,000 each

Mathematics and Reading Professional Development

Sponsored by the CDE, this reimbursement program provides funds to local education agencies for completed teacher professional development in mathematics and reading/language arts.

Contact—Eli Johnson, 916-323-4711, ejohnson@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1268

Deadline—March 1, 2008

Eligibility—School districts

Awards—See allocation formula on the web site

New Leaders for New Schools

Through a rigorous selection process, intensive training program and ongoing support, the New Leaders for New Schools program provides a pathway for current and former educators to become outstanding principals of urban public schools. After completing a five-week summer training institute, leaders begin a year-long, full-time, paid residency in an urban public school working alongside a mentor principal. **The deadline to apply is February 28, 2008.** For more information, visit <http://nlns.org/NLWeb/Program.jsp>.

Captain Planet Foundation

Provides support for environmental education projects.

Contact—Taryn Murphy, tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org

Web Site—www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html

Deadline—March 31, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofit agencies

Awards—Grants range from \$250-\$2,500 each.

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams High School Invention Grants

This program is designed to foster inventiveness among high school students. InvenTeams, composed of high school students, teachers and mentors, are asked to collaboratively identify a problem they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention.

Contact—inventteams@mit.edu, 617-452-2146

Web Site—<http://web.mit.edu/inventteams>

Deadline—April 25, 2008

Eligibility—High school science, mathematics, and technology teachers (or teams of teachers) at public, private, charter and vocational schools

Awards—15 awards of up to \$10,000 each

Weingart Foundation

The Weingart Foundation is interested in supporting programs that address the needs of the under-served and the general community, including educational technology programs.

Contact—info@weingartfdn.org, 213-688-7799

Web Site—www.weingartfdn.org

Deadline—Ongoing (Letter of Inquiry)

Eligibility—Schools, school districts and nonprofit agencies serving Los Angeles County

Awards—Grants range from \$10,000 to \$2.5M

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Google Apps Education Edition

Google Apps Education Edition is a FREE service for schools and includes the Google Docs & Spreadsheets program, Gmail email services, Google Calendar shared calendaring, Google Talk instant messaging, and the Google Start Page feature for creating a customizable home page on a specific domain. Google Apps Education Edition provides anywhere-anytime computing solutions that improve communication and collaboration among members of the school community. For more information, visit <http://www.google.com/a/edu/>.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/CONTESTS

2008 Intel Schools of Distinction

Awards

This awards program is designed to recognize schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education.

Contact—Use the "Contact Us" online form.

Web Site—www.intel.com/education/schoolsofdistinction/

Deadline—February 14, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or charter schools

Awards—One elementary, one middle, and one high school in each of two categories—math and science—will receive \$10,000 cash grants and \$100,000+ in products and services. One of the six winning schools will be chosen as the Star Innovator, and will receive an additional \$15,000 grant from the Intel Foundation as well as additional products and services.

2008 Christopher Columbus Awards

This awards program is a national, community-based science and technology program for middle school students. Students are challenged to work in teams of 3-4, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and create an innovative solution to that problem.

Contact—800-291-6020

Web Site—www.christophercolumbusawards.com/

Deadline—March 17, 2008

Eligibility—Middle school students (grades 6-8) and their coaches

Awards—Four finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and compete for U.S. Savings Bonds of \$2,000 for each team member plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea.

Listen to a Life Essay Contest

To enter the contest, a young person interviews an older person about their hopes and goals through their life, and then writes a 300-word essay based on the interview.

Contact—800-772-7765, tcp@tcpnow.com

Web Site—www.legacyproject.org/contests/ltal.html

Deadline—March 31, 2008

Eligibility—Each team consists of a young person 8-18 years old with a grandparent or grandfriend 50 years or over.

Awards—Grand prize is a Lenovo ThinkCentre computer with \$800 of Orchard Software and an iPod Classic with video from Orchard Software, plus \$25,000 worth of Orchard Software for the school; twenty runner-up prizes of \$400 of Orchard Software and an iPod Shuffle.

ThinkQuest International 2008 Website Competition

Sponsored by Oracle Education Foundation, the competition inspires students to think, connect, create, and share. Students work in teams to build innovative and educational websites to share with the world. Along the way, they learn research, writing, teamwork, and technology skills and compete for exciting prizes.

Contact—support@thinkquest.org

Web Site—www.thinkquest.org/

Deadline—April 2, 2008

Eligibility—Student teams, ages 9-19, and their teacher coach

Awards—The top 5 teams in each age division receive laptop computers and a cash award for the coach's school. In addition, the top 3 teams in each age division travel to ThinkQuest Live, an educational extravaganza celebrating their achievements. A special award is also presented to the team best demonstrating global perspectives.