



CTAP 11 Technology Funding Alert!

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Ongoing 21st Century Needs . . .

21st Century Learners Symposium: CTAP 11 would like to thank the presenters, attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors who made the October 24 Symposium possible. From nationally recognized speakers, workshops, and varied partner demonstrations, the Symposium was designed to address diverse needs and diverse audiences. Throughout the year, CTAP 11 offers professional development for teachers and administrators: <<http://ctap.lacoe.edu/workshops>>.

Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey: This survey reminds us that the digital disconnect is alive and well. According to 1.2 million students, teachers, administrators and parents, there are fundamental differences between students and teachers, girls and boys, and older and younger students in both the types of technology used, and the way technology is used. Speak Up is a national initiative of Project Tomorrow (formerly known as NetDay).

Most grants require applicants to describe student and teacher needs. *Schools and districts that register to have their students participate in the Speak Up Survey will get free access to aggregated data and national comparisons that can inform grant writing efforts.* Participating schools report using Speak Up Survey data to develop strategic plans, make budgeting decisions, enhance curriculum, and determine professional development needs. Speak Up data can ensure that students' voices are effectively represented in local plans.

CTAP 11 encourages all districts to participate in the Speak Up 2008 Survey to collect important information that can inform technology planning and grant writing. The deadline to participate is: December 19th, 2008: <<http://www.netdayspeakup.org/speakup2008/>>.

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GRANTS

Disney's *The Music in You* Grant Program

Co-sponsored by Disney and the NAMM Foundation, this program supports schools advancing access to music education and the performing arts. The grant would enable schools to put on their own stage production of *High School Musical* or *High School Musical II*.

Contact—info@nammfoundation.org, 760-438-8001

Website—<http://www.nammfoundation.org>

Deadline—December 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public middle schools and high schools

Awards—Ten awards of stage production licensing fees (valued at \$4,000) and \$5,000 cash

Environmental Education Grants

Offered by the EPA, this program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens.

Contact—Sharon Jang, 415-947-4252, jang.sharon@epa.gov

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/EPAGrant>

Deadline—December 18, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools, school districts, colleges or universities, nonprofit organizations

Awards—From \$3M, 95 grants ranging: \$15,000-\$25,000 with a 25% cost-sharing requirement

21st Century High School ASSETs (CDE Funding)

The After School Safety and Enrichment Program for Teens (ASSETs) is designed to

support before- and after-school programs that partner schools and communities to provide academic support; safe alternatives for high school students; and assistance in passing the CA High School Exit Exam.

Contact—afterschool@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0923

Website—<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1413>

Deadline—December 19, 2008

Eligibility—School districts, county offices of education, direct-funded charter schools, community-based organizations, cities, counties, or a consortium of two or more such agencies.

Awards—\$50,000-\$250,000 per school site

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers

This program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

Contact—tapestry@nsta.org

Website—<http://tapestry.nsta.org>

Deadline—January 29, 2009

Eligibility—Middle or high school science teachers

Awards—50 large grants up to \$10,000 each; 20-32 mini-grants up to \$2,500 each

Grant Program for Grades 7-12 Science & Math Education

Toshiba America Foundation's grant program encourages projects that improve classroom teaching and learning in science and mathematics.

Contact—foundation@tai.toshiba.com, 212-596-0620

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/ToshibaGrant>

Deadline—February 1, 2009 (\$5,000+); Ongoing (\$5,000-)

Eligibility—Public and private school teacher-designed projects for grades 7-12

Awards—Two grant categories: \$5,000 or less and \$5,000 or more

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG) Student Achievement Grants (SAG)

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the LLG program is designed to support high-quality professional development experiences. SAG promotes innovative classroom projects that engage students in critical thinking and self-directed learning that deepens knowledge of standards-based subject matter. *Grant writing tips are available on the Website.*

Contact—202-822-7840

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/NEAGrants>

Deadline—February 1, 2009

Eligibility—Public PreK-12 teachers, education support professionals, higher education staff

Awards—LLG: 75 grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups. SAG: 75 grants of \$5,000 each

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Programs

Small Toolbox Grants:

This grant program is designed to support facility enhancements (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. *Sample funded applications are posted on the Website (see Website FAQ #13).*

Large Toolbox Grants:

A special fund has been designated for parent group initiated improvement projects at large schools or districts for school improvement projects such as landscaping, library or media center enhancement, science or specialty lab creation or upgrade, or parent education programs. *See Website FAQ #17 for application instructions.*

Contact—info@toolboxforeducation.com; 800-644-3561, ext. 208

Website—<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Deadline—February 13, 2009 (for both programs)

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools and parent groups associated with public schools

Awards—Small Toolbox Grant range: \$2,000-\$5,000; Large Toolbox Grant range: \$50,000-\$100,000

The Anne and Kirk Douglas Playground Award

This award supports and encourages Los Angeles public school communities to create playgrounds, outdoor recreational environments or greening projects.

Contact—310-274-5294



Website—<http://tinyurl.com/PlaySpace>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Los Angeles USD elementary, junior high, senior high, special education, charter schools, magnet schools, early education and infant care centers

Awards—Up to \$25,000 with a 50% match requirement

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Canvastic District Licenses

This program offers licenses of Canvastic Version 3 graphics and text publishing software for grades K-8.

Contact—877-579-8207

Website—<http://www.canvastic.com/news/> (click on Press Release)

Deadline—December 31, 2008

Eligibility—Grades K-8 school districts with 20 or more schools

Awards—District licenses valued at \$10,000-\$200,000 each

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/ FELLOWSHIPS

Verizon Tech Savvy Awards

Recognizes outstanding educational programs in information communications technology literacy for parents and children.

Contact—502-584-1133 or use the online “Contact Us” form

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/TechAward>

Deadline—December 12, 2008

Eligibility—Schools, libraries, community-based nonprofit agencies

Awards—One national award of \$25,000 and four regional awards of \$5,000 each

Cable’s Leaders in Learning Awards

Recognizes outstanding educators, administrators, policymakers and other community leaders at the forefront of innovation in education.

Contact—202-222-2335, or use the online “Contact Us” form

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LearningAwards>

Deadline—December 17, 2008

Eligibility—PreK-12 educators, administrators, policymakers and community leaders

Awards—Four award categories are offered consisting of a \$3,000 cash award and lodging and travel expenses to Washington, DC for an awards ceremony.

National School Library Media Program of the Year Award

Recognizes exemplary school library media programs that are fully integrated into the school’s curriculum.

Contact—Andrea Parker at 800-545-2433, ext. 1396

Stay Tuned. . .

2009 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

The 2009 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative is expected to be announced soon with an application deadline of mid-February. To stay informed, visit the website frequently at: <<http://tinyurl.com/HPTech>>.

Website—<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>

Deadline—January 2, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools and school districts

Awards—Three awards of \$10,000 each to two single schools and one school district

Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowship

Supports individuals with exceptional science and mathematics content knowledge who are committed to teaching high school in the U.S.

Contact—teachers@kstf.org

Website—http://www.kstf.org/tf_application_info.aspx

Deadline—January 14, 2009

Eligibility—Educators with at least a bachelor’s degree in a physical science or engineering, mathematics, or contemporary biology or other life science

Awards—Thirty awards include a monthly stipend, small materials grant and support for a mentor-teacher relationship. Fellows are spread throughout the country and are currently located in 25 different states.

Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship

Albert Einstein Fellows bring to Congress and appropriate branches of the federal government the extensive knowledge and experience of classroom teachers. Fellows provide practical insights and real world perspectives to policymakers and program managers developing or managing federal education programs.

Contact—202-586-9742 or sc.helpwithapplication@science.doe.gov

Website—<http://www.scied.science.doe.gov>

Deadline—January 15, 2009

Eligibility—Educators must be a U.S. citizen with 5 years full-time classroom teaching experience.

Awards—Multiple awards include a moving budget, a professional travel budget and monthly stipends. Assignments are 10-11 months in duration.

ExploraVision Awards 2009

ExploraVision encourages K-12 students of all interest, skill and ability levels to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science.

Contact—1-800-EXPLOR9 or use the online “Contact” form

Website—<http://www.exploravision.org/>

Deadline—January 28, 2009

Eligibility—Teams of up to 4 students, in grades K-12, and their coach and mentor attending a public, private or home school

Awards—Four first-place winners will receive \$10,000 savings bonds for each student; four second-place winners will receive \$5,000 savings bonds for each student; 24 team regional prizes of notebook computers for each school and a gift for each student, teacher and mentor; and all applicants will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.

The Broad Residency in Urban Education

The Broad Residency is a two-year leadership development program that places participants into full-time high-level managerial positions in urban school districts and charter management organizations.

Contact—info@broadcenter.org, 310-954-5106

Website—<http://www.broadresidency.org/>

Deadline—December 1, 2008 (Early Cycle); February 2, 2009 (Regular Cycle)

Eligibility—Individuals with an advanced degree (e.g., master’s, juris doctorate, Ph.D.), at least four years of work experience, and a successful track record of leadership and/or management.

Awards—40 residencies

Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence

This annual awards program recognizes extraordinary contributions by K-12 educators who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students.

Contact—805-447-4056 or amgenfoundation@amgen.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AmgenAward>

Deadline—February 2, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 public or private school science teachers

Awards—Thirty-four science teachers will be awarded an unrestricted cash grant of \$5,000, and their schools will receive a restricted grant of \$5,000 to be used for the school’s science program.

AASL Awards, Grants and Scholarships

More than nine programs are offered in support of school library media programs. Please see website for specific program guidelines.

Contact—800-545-2433

Website—<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>

Deadline—February 2, 2009

Eligibility—Varies by program (see Website)

Awards—Varies by program (see Website)

Lexus Eco Challenges: Air/Climate

Sponsored by Lexus, the automaker, and Scholastic, this challenge is designed to educate young people about the environment and to inspire them to create a better world.

Contact—ecochallenge@scholastic.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LexusAirClimate>

Deadline—December 17, 2008-

February 6, 2009

Eligibility—Middle school and high school student teams from public and private schools

Awards—Sixteen prize winning teams, consisting of two middle school teams in each of four regions, and two high school teams in each of four regions, will each receive a \$10,000 prize.

What would your class do with an interactive projection system?

Sponsored by 3M, the My Class Projector Contest allows individual students or a classroom of students (grades K-12) to submit a video (maximum of 3 minutes) that they produced illustrating how a 3M Super Close Projection System will help their classroom experience and improve their learning. Ten winning individuals and/or classrooms in three categories (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will receive a new 3M Super Close Projection System for their classroom. Entries must be submitted by January 15, 2009. Please direct questions to Molly Ryan, 612-338-0901. For application guidelines, go to: <<http://myclassprojector.com/faqs>>.