

The W.A.L.L. (We All Live and Learn)

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The W.A.L.L. will be published one-to-two times a month to bring you the most up-to-date IMSA FUSION grant opportunities. It will be broken down into 7 sections. The first section, ALL LEVELS, will encompass grants that could apply to all grade levels K-12. The second, ELEMENTARY LEVEL, will list those grants specific to the elementary (4-5) levels only. The MIDDLE LEVEL will be grants specific to 6th-8th grades. Chicago Public Schools section will be those grants that only apply to CPS. The fifth section, AWARDS & COMPETITIONS, will be awards and contests that you and/or your students might want to enter. The sixth section, FREEBIES, will contain any freebies that you might want to order for your classroom. And finally, the last section, FUNDRAISERS, will contain any fundraising opportunities that you might want to participate in. The version contains a BONUS section on TRIPS that came my way!



2011 SUMMER PROGRAMS AT IMSA

https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/summer_at_imsa/HowtoRegister



Problem of the Month

<https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/forstudents>

Teacher/Coordinator Feedback

<https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/forteachers>



Cameroon Project

<https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion/projects>

March Deadlines

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GRANTS

Energy and Water Efficiency~Deadline: March 4, 2011

[Igniting Creative Energy](#) (ICE) is a national student challenge to motivate learning, ignite the imagination, and fuel the creative potential in youth.

All educators K-12 in the United States and parts of Canada* are invited to participate. This educational competition is designed to encourage students to learn more about energy and water conservation and the environment. Student entries must reflect the theme Energy Efficiency/Water Efficiency and demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family or group can do to make a difference in their home or community. Students may express their ideas in the form of documented science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music or video or web site projects. They may also submit recent service projects, or results from the National Energy Foundation's own Energy Patrol activities.

Link: <http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/index.html>

Disney Friends for Change Grants~Deadline: March 10, 2011

Purpose: YSA (Youth Service America), together with Disney, is now accepting applications from youth around the world for the Disney Friends for Change Grants. The grant funds youth-led service projects that focus on making environmentally friendly changes and engage youth on [Global Youth Service Day](#), April 15-17. **Eligibility:** Applicants must be between the ages of 5-25 and be associated with a school or organization. The program will award 50 \$500 grants.

Link: <http://www.ysa.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants>

Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge~Deadline: March 15, 2011

The Siemens Foundation, National Science Teachers Association and Discovery Education are partnering to educate, empower and engage students and teachers nationwide to become agents of change in improving their communities through the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge. This national sustainability challenge encourages K-8 students to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their classroom (grades K-2), school (grades 3-5), community (grades 6-8) and the world (grades 9-12).

Link: <http://wecanchange.com>

Governor's Green Youth Award~Deadline: March 18, 2011

To be eligible for a Green Youth Award, projects must involve one or more of the following categories: waste reduction, prevention or reduction of pollution in the air (climate change/global warming), land or water; restoration, preservation or enhancement of natural areas; and energy or water efficiency.

Link: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/green-youth/program-information.html>

Young Minds Digital Times~Deadline: March 19, 2011

Young filmmakers in grades 6-12 now have an opportunity to show off their skills by participating in the Young Minds Digital Times Film Competition. Students should find a sponsoring teacher or counselor to sign off on the project and then register to participate. Supported by KidThrive.org and Converge Magazine, the competition will give away fantastic prizes, including two Grand Prize packages to attend the 2012 South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, Texas. Other first place category winners will win \$200. The teacher with the most student entries and the school with the most student entries in Track One: Young Filmmakers Doing Good, will each win \$1,000. Entrants should start talking to their friends now so that their public vote can help them make it to the Grand Prize round.

Link: <http://www.youngmindsdigitaltimes.com/>

Engineering Education Service Center's (EESC) 2011 Music Contest: Sing the Song of

Engineering~Deadline: March 22, 2011

Create a two to three minute song about engineering, technology, or computer science that shows your appreciation for the amazing inventions that make our lives better, easier, and more fun. From speakers and microphones to the instruments, amps, computers, and other technology -- engineers have designed it all.

Link: <http://www.engineeringedu.com/musiccontest.html>.

TRIP: Wonders of Science (Grades 4-12) ~March 27, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

<http://ed.fnal.gov> – Link on this event through the Calendar.

Help Fermilab celebrate the wonders of science. Attend our twenty-third annual show! Award-winning high school chemistry and physics teachers will present a fast-paced series of demonstrations on chemical and physical phenomena that will involve you and your young scientists mentally and at times, physically! Portions of this show have been seen on many national television broadcasts including Inside Edition, the CBS Evening News, and David Letterman. The presenters are master science teachers who have been recognized locally and nationally for their ability to reach young minds. **Tickets: \$4.00/person (nonrefundable)**. Contact edreg@fnal.gov (preferred) or 630-840-5588 with questions. Printable registration forms available at:

http://eddata.fnal.gov/lasso/program_search/wos_form.html

Got 2 B Safe-Think Smart~Deadline: March 25, 2011

Win a \$10,000 classroom makeover! Every year, Honeywell and NCMEC reward teachers for their ingenuity and dedication to child safety. Five grand prize winners receive professional classroom makeovers worth \$10,000 and 100 other winners receive gift certificates for school supplies worth up to \$500. Complete the online registration form and submit a one-page lesson plan demonstrating how you teach the Got 2B Safe! personal safety rules.

Link: <http://www.got2bsafe.com/>

Educational Seminars Program~Deadline: March 28, 2011

The Educational Seminars Program offers Department of State funded grants for U.S. school teachers and administrators. Exchanges are short term, taking place during the summer, and focus on sharing of best practices and professional development. Current programs are administered with Argentina, Brazil, Greece, India, Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Uruguay.

Link: <http://www.americancouncils.org/educationalSeminars.php>

Realize Science Technology Grant~Deadline: March 31, 2011

The Realize Science Technology Grant for Agriculture in the Classroom will award \$5,000 worth of cutting edge science education equipment to K-12 teachers across the U.S. this spring. Those awarded the grant will receive new hand-held video microscopes with software to take still pictures, video, time lapse movies, etc.

Link: http://schooltr.com/Teacher_Resources/realize_science_grant.html

PBS Teachers Innovation Awards~Deadline: March 31, 2011

Teachers are showing us how they innovate in the classroom through the PBS Teachers Innovation Awards. Winning entries will receive a trip to The Henry Ford, a free PBS TeacherLine professional development course, and a SMART Slate wireless slate. Are you planning to enter? <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/innovators>

LYSOL® Blue Ribbon My Healthy Hero Contest~Deadline: March 31, 2011

Who do you admire for promoting good health? Who inspires you to practice healthy habits? Nominate your Healthy Hero today for a chance to win thousands of dollars for your school.

Link: <http://www.scholastic.com/lysol/healthyhero.asp>

ALL LEVELS (4-8)

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JUNIOR ENERGY Program~Deadline:Rolling

"Junior Energy's mission is to work in classrooms and schools to help children discover how they can positively impact the planet by engaging their parents, family, friends and neighbors in small, simple actions."

Link: <http://www.juniorenergy.org/>

Leave No Trace Grants~Deadline: Rolling

Leave No Trace is an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors. Leave No Trace offers a variety of grant and scholarship opportunities for individuals and organizations seeking educational materials and or training. There are multiple grants offered with deadlines throughout the year.

Link: <http://www.classroomearth.org/node/1229>

Captain Planet Foundation~ Deadlines: March 31, June 30, Sept. 30, and Dec. 31

"The Captain Planet Foundation reserves the right to earmark funding for specific budgetary items, and decline funding for budgetary items which are not consistent with Grant Guidelines. Generally, the range of grants awarded by the Foundation is \$250 - \$2,500*."

Link: <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>

Michael Davis Music Is Revolution Foundation~Deadlines:Jan 15, April 15 & Oct. 15

"The Music Is Revolution Foundation administers a mini-grant program for Music Is Revolution activities designed by teachers to implement, support, and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Mini-grants up to \$500 are available to teachers for music education activities of all types."

Link: http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini_Grant_Application.pdf

DonorsChoose.org~Deadline: Rolling

"Here's how it works: public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org. Requests range from pencils for a poetry writing unit, to violins for a school recital, to microscope slides for a biology class."

Link: <https://secure.donorschoose.org/common/signin.html>

NEA Foundation Challenge to Innovate

"C2i is a web-based, open invitation to all public school educators that will be housed on the Department of Education's Open Innovation Portal. The best ideas will receive awards from the NEA Foundation and may be selected for further development. Accept our challenge. Post your problem. Help us solve and share it and become eligible for additional funding and support."

Challenge 1-Post your most pressing classroom problem beginning on September 7, 2010

Link: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/c2i-the-nea-foundations-challenge-to-innovate>

ExploraVision~Applications available online starting August 30, 2010

"The Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards program is back for its 19th year. The ExploraVision program is open to K-12 students who could win up to \$10,000 in savings bonds and other valuable prizes. To start the year off right, NSTA will host the first in a series of free web seminars designed to answer questions and assist teachers in using the ExploraVision program in their classrooms. "What is ExploraVision and How Can I Use It?" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 6:30 pm ET. Coaches of prior winning teams will share their experiences, give tips, and answer questions."

Link: www.exploravision.org

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

As featured on *The Today Show*, "Fruit Tree 101" is a program that brings fruit tree orchards to schoolyards so students can improve the quality of the air and water while creating a source of tasty snacks for decades to come. Not only do our schoolyard fruit orchards help the environment, but they give your teacher an excuse to hold class outside when it's time for science lessons!

Link: <http://www.ftpf.org/fruittree101.htm>

Shade Structure Program~Applications Available October 18, 2010

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of \$8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas.

Link: <http://www.aad.org/public/sun/grants.html>

National Weather Association Grants~Deadline: June 1, 2011

Sol Hirsch Education Fund Grants are awarded annually to teachers/educators of grades K-12 to help improve the education of their students, school and/or community in the science of meteorology. The Grant is intended to allow teachers to:

- Purchase scientific materials and / or equipment for the classroom, school or community.
- Begin new school and / or community science outreach and education programs.
- Enhance and / or expand existing meteorology / science education programs.
- Attend accredited courses, workshops and /or conferences related to meteorology that will significantly enhance their teaching activities.

Link: <http://www.nwas.org/grants/solhirsch.php>

Davidson Fellow Scholarship~Deadline: Rolling

"The Davidson Fellows Scholarship awards **\$50,000**, **\$25,000** and **\$10,000** scholarships to extraordinary young people under the age of 18 who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are **Mathematics, Science, Literature, Music, Technology, Philosophy** and **Outside the Box**. Davidson Fellows are honored every year in Washington, D.C. with Congressional meetings and a special reception."

Link: <http://www.davidsongifted.org/fellows/>

The Fender Music Foundation — Grant Overview~Deadline: Rolling

The Fender Music Foundation makes the gift of music available to people across the country by providing funding and resources for music programs. Our grants are awarded to music academies, schools, local music programs and national music programs across America. As of January 2008, we awarded grants to 38 music academies and local music programs, 6 national music programs and 21 school music programs. We have reached state specific programs in 24 states. And have directly given at least 17,000 people the opportunity to make music within one year of receiving a grant. The following 5 programs represent the spectrum of programs selected by The Fender Music Foundation, which were awarded instruments and equipment:

Link: <http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=overview>

Hungry for Music~begins January 15, 2011

Hungry for Music provides musical instruments to individuals, schools, and community music programs that cannot afford them. Since the program began, the organization has donated over 1,000 instruments throughout the United States, Mexico, and India.

Link: <http://hungryformusic.com/need-an-instrument/>

Grant Application Now Being Accepted for Spring 2011.

Apply for a \$3,500 grant to bring a professional development conference to your district, sponsored by einstruction.

Link: <http://www.einstruction.com/edtech/host.html>

Fermilab Friends for Science Education Scholarships for Teacher Workshops, Science Adventures and Transportation ~Deadline: Rolling

Funding for professional development for teachers and enrichment for students such as doing science in the field is becoming increasingly difficult for schools. We also know that not all families have the opportunity to enroll students in science and math enrichment classes. Fermilab Friends for Science Education offers scholarships for teachers to attend summer workshops, assist with field trip transportation expenses and provide scholarships to families for student classes held at Fermilab.

Link: http://ed.fnal.gov/ffse/ed_ffse_scholarships.html

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation~Deadline: Rolling

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation partners with educational organizations and institutions that share our commitment to enabling exceptionally promising lower-income students to reach their full potential. Through strategically targeted grants, the Foundation works to expand educational opportunities for thousands of remarkable students whose families, schools, and communities need additional resources to help these students fulfill their promise.

Link: <http://www.jkcf.org/grants>

Bank of America~Deadline: Rolling

We are building strong, healthy neighborhoods where all of us can live, work and dream by investing in innovative programs designed to serve local community needs. Working in partnership with community leaders, Bank of America's local market leadership directs the majority of our giving through local grants that address pressing social, economic, and cultural needs of communities across our global footprint. In addition, we partner with national organizations such as the United Way of America and Habitat for Humanity International to direct resources to local communities. Through our signature philanthropic program, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative®, we enhance nonprofits' ability to serve more individuals and families in need and develop nonprofit visionaries, local heroes, and students as our community leaders of today and tomorrow.

Link: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>

American Honda Foundaton ~ Deadlines: November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1

The American Honda Foundation supports youth education programs with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. Grants range from \$20,000 to \$60,000.

Link: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

iLoveSchools Donations~

iLoveSchools.com is a nonprofit online donation center that connects new, used and in-kind resources with our nation's schools all year long.

Link: <http://www.iloveschools.com/>

Funagain Games Grants~Deadline: Rolling

Funagain will pick one recipient for each of the grants on the first business day of the month and grant recipients will be listed on the Funagain website. Grants are good for up to \$100 worth of items offered by Funagain Games. Shipping to the 50 US states is not deducted from the grant amount, and will be provided for free.

Link: <http://www.funagain.com/control/rc?p=grants>

Heinemann Microgrant~Deadline: Rolling

Applications for this microgrant should present project ideas to use technology in the classroom to engage students in learning activities or increase collaboration between educators.

Link: <http://www.heinemann.com/grants/>

Classics for Kids Foundation~Deadline: April 1, 2011

Classics for Kids Foundation offers matching grants toward the purchase of high quality stringed instruments and mentoring to nonprofit music programs serving young people grades 3-12. CFKF works only with instrument providers that assure the highest craftsmanship, sound, and ease of playing, so that young players gain the fullest benefit with their instrument.

Link: <http://www.classicsforkids.org/>

Target Reading Grants~Deadline: April 30, 2011

Reading is essential to a child's learning process. That's why Target awards grants to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs. Together, we're fostering a love of reading and encouraging children to read with their families.

Link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821#>

Target Arts & Culture Grants~Deadline: April 30, 2011

Music, art, dance, drama and visual arts are all part of the well-rounded education our kids deserve. Through grants, Target helps schools bring more arts and culture into the classroom, enabling them to expand their creativity... and their horizons.

Link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031819>

ELEMENTARY LEVEL (4-5)

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Annie's Grants for Gardens~Deadline: Rolling

"We offer a limited number of small grants to community gardens, school gardens and other educational programs that connect children directly to gardening. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies."

Link: http://www.annies.com/grants_for_gardens

Toshiba America Foundation~Deadline: October 1, 2011

K-5 grade teachers are invited to use Toshiba America Foundation's short application form to describe a set of lessons or a hands-on project they would like to introduce in their own classrooms.

Link: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp>

MIDDLE LEVEL (6-8)

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Future City Competition~Deadline: Rolling

The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future.

What Your Students Will Do

Students work in teams with a teacher/coach and a mentor who contributes real-world STEM knowledge.

Students will:

1. **Design** a city 150 years in the future using SimCity 4 Deluxe™ software.
2. **Research** an engineering problem.
3. **Write** an essay on their solution.
4. **Build** a tabletop scale model using recycled materials.
5. **Present** their model and ideas to engineers at the regional competition in January. The regional winners receive a trip to the National Finals in Washington, D.C., in February.

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Registration is now open

PDF Brochure: http://www.futurecity.org/docs/2011_Brochure_Final.pdf

Link: <http://www.futurecity.org/>

Teach@15 Award Program~Deadline: Rolling

The Teach@15 Award Program helps schools that serve grades 7-12 meet their technology needs. Teens (ages 13-18) who are registered members on at15.com can nominate their schools to win an award. Teen members can vote once a day for 15 days for one nomination. Every 15 days, Best Buy will award 3 schools with Best Buy gift cards based on the number of member votes. The first place school will receive \$1,500, second place \$1,000, and third place \$500.

Link: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/our_focus.htm

Purdue zipTrips~FREE Electronic Field Trip

Do you want to take your middle-school science students on a field trip without breaking the budget? Wish you had an alternative? Purdue zipTrips™ is the answer!! These free electronic field trips will bring a new experience in science education directly to your school.

Link: <http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/zipTrips/>

Toshiba America Foundation~Deadline: (See bold below)

Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation is currently accepting applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Do you teach 6-12 science or math? Do you have a wish list of instructional equipment that will make learning more exciting for your students? If the answer is yes to these questions, Toshiba America Foundation would like to hear from you. "

Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year.

Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1st and August 1st each year.

Link: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Team American Rocketry Challenge~Deadline: May 2011

Approximately 7,000 students from across the nation compete in TARC each year. Teams design, build and fly a model rocket that reaches a specific altitude and duration determined by a set of rules developed each year. The contest is designed to encourage students to study math and science and pursue careers in aerospace. The top 100 teams, based on local qualification flights, are invited to Washington, DC in May for the national finals. Prizes include \$60,000 in cash and scholarships split between the top 10 finishers. NASA invites top teams to participate in their Student Launch Initiative, an advanced rocketry program. AIA member companies, such as Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have sponsored additional prizes such as scholarship money and a trip to an international air show.

Link: <http://www.rocketcontest.org/index.cfm>

West Point Virtual Bridge Design Contest

Welcome to the 2011 West Point Bridge Design Contest

HOW TO ENTER

- 1 [Download](#) and install the West Point Bridge Designer 2011 software.
- 2 Use the software to design and test a virtual bridge.
- 3 [Register](#) your team.
- 4 [Log in](#) and submit as many designs as you like.

It's absolutely FREE!



Who: U.S. students age 13 through grade 12 are eligible for prizes. Anyone else may enter our Open Competition. More about [eligibility](#) ...

When: The 2011 contest will begin on January 10, 2011, and the Qualifying Round will end on February 25. More about the [contest schedule](#) ...

Prizes: Each member of the first-place team earns a \$10,000 scholarship. Each finalist wins a notebook computer. More about [prizes](#) ...

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Link: <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/>

Chicago Public Schools (CPS-ONLY)

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Fund for Teachers

"Fund for Teachers is the national donor supported organization that awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge and their ability to make a difference. FFT provides fellowship grants directly to teachers, with more than three years of experience, to support their professional learning during the summer. Their experiences come in many forms, but share the purpose of better teaching. Ultimately, FFT believes that by experiencing the potential of their personal and professional learning, teachers in turn inspire potential in their students."

Application information available: October 2010

Link: <http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply/il.html>

Chicago Foundation for Education Small Grant Program

"Chicago Foundation for Education awards **\$500 Small Grants** to CPS elementary school teachers with innovative, creative classroom ideas that will enhance student learning. Grants provide teachers the resources needed to develop an effective curricular project that engages students, improves learning and aligns with the standards. Individuals or teams of teachers may apply for a Small Grant to develop and implement new project ideas in their classrooms. All Chicago public elementary school educators (PreK through 8th Grade) are eligible to apply."

Link: http://www.cfelessonplans.org/pages/teacher_login/195.php

Money Smart Week Programs at MSI

MSI hosts a "Go Green" environmental and financial education field trip program as part of Money Smart Week in April. Students in grades 4 through 8 experiment with green technologies and consider which ones are most cost effective and have the greatest return on investment. This program is provided at no cost to Chicago Public Schools classes, thanks to a grant from Harris Bank. "Go Green" programs are offered at 10 am, 11:30 am, and 12:45 pm on **April 4, 5 and 7**. Space is limited; contact *MSI's Call Center at 773-684-1414* to reserve your program. Money Smart Week is presented by MSI, Economic Awareness Council, City Treasurer of Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

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Teacher of the Month-WGNTV

"If you are currently a student age 13 or older in the Chicagoland viewing area or NW Indiana, nominate a teacher whom you feel makes a difference at your school or in your community.

One Teacher will be selected each month from **September 2010 through June 2011** with a total of ten (10) Teachers of the Month chosen. b. The school's principal will be contacted to verify the eligibility and the qualifications of the teacher. The principal must agree to let WGN-TV tape in the school during the teacher's ceremony. c. Each Teacher of the Month will receive a Certificate of Recognition, and the school, which employs the teacher, will receive \$1,000 worth of school supplies donated by National-Louis University. The donation to the winner's school will be delivered to the winner's school at a mutual time to be determined between the winner's school and Sponsors. Sponsors are not responsible for the safe arrival of a certificate or donation. d. Each Teacher of the Month will be notified via telephone or email. The Teacher of the Month also will be featured on WGN-TV News.

Link: http://www.wgntv.com/news/teacherofthemoth/wgntv-teacherofthemoth-official-rules-story_0,1897584.story

Golden Apple Foundation

"Nominees must be full-time classroom teachers at a public or non-public school in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake or Will counties in Illinois. Nominees must be committed to continue teaching in Illinois for at least two years after completing the sabbatical.

NOTE: Golden Apple Awards rotate through grade levels on an annual basis:

2010 - 2012 -
High pre-
School K-3rd
Grade

2011 - 2013 -
4th-8th High
Grade School

The Golden Apple Award offers its recipients (known as *Fellows*), the platform to create or contribute to programmatic responses to the needs of schoolchildren throughout Illinois.

In addition to the honor and public recognition, Golden Apple Award winners enjoy these additional rewards:

- A paid semester sabbatical at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Winners may take as many courses as they wish in any subjects they choose. As part of the sabbatical, the winners, as a group, design a seminar series to which they invite individuals who are making significant contributions in the field of education.
- A cash award of \$3,000

PBS Teachers Innovation Awards begins January 11, 2011

Do you use the resources of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) to create innovative learning experiences for your students? If so, get ready for the **PBS Teachers Innovation Awards**. The competition begins on January 11, but you can prepare by

visiting the awards website to watch video clips of innovators and download an "Innovation 101" classroom curriculum. Then make a video showing how you innovate. Demonstrate what you do with students (inside or outside of a classroom), or share about an innovative project resulting from an instructional activity you conducted. Your video should show how you used a PBS resource to enhance the lesson or project. Entries will be due by March 31, 2011. The top 12 winners, one from each of 12 subject/grade groupings, will participate in a weeklong "Innovation Immersion Experience" at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, and receive a free PBS TeacherLine professional development course. Discover more opportunities to display and develop your talent at the [NSTA Calendar](#).

Link: <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/innovators/>

Celebrate educator innovation~Deadline: April 1, 2011

Get inspired, and share your teaching innovations at the [2011 U.S. Innovative Education Forum \(IEF\)](#) July 28-29 in Redmond, Washington. IEF celebrates you—outstanding educators and schools using technology to positively impact student learning. We'll recognize projects that incorporate 21st-century technology into the classroom. Your project might just be the next winner!

Link: http://www.microsoft.com/education/uspiil/USIEF/default.aspx?qstr=CR_CC=&CR_ID=

ThinkQuest International Competition~Deadline: April 27, 2011

"The ThinkQuest International Competition challenges students to solve a real-world problem by applying their critical thinking, communication, and technology skills. Prizes include laptop computers, a trip to [ThinkQuest Live](#) and monetary grants for the coach's school, or organization. In addition, teams that submit a completed entry will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Participation."

Link: <http://www.thinkquest.org/competition/>

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching~Deadline: May 2, 2011

The Awards recognize outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. The 2011 Awards will honor math and science teachers working in **grades 7-12**.

Link: <http://www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view>

We Are Teachers

Do you have a winning idea to build success in the classroom? Thousands of teachers have submitted creative initiatives for teaching projects, and hundreds have won cash and prizes for projects covering everything from the environment to the arts to digital learning and more. Get started now and share your ideas, find inspiration and make connections!

Link: <http://www.weareteachers.com/ideas>

Tech Challenge~Deadline: April 30, 2011

The Tech Challenge is an annual engineering design event for teams of 2-6 students in grades 5 through 12. A signature program of [The Tech Museum](#), this project-based learning program teaches the engineering design process by letting students design and build their own solution to a real-world problem. The Tech Challenge 2011 marks our 24th annual event. Open to everyone in grades 5 through 12, The Tech Challenge inspires the innovator in everyone. [This Year's Challenge](#) is **Trash Island: The Great Pacific Gyre**

Link: <http://techchallenge.thetech.org/>

Blue Ribbon School Attendance Challenge~Deadline: April 1, 2011

Children are our future, and it is important that they learn the tools to live healthy, happy lives. This program is developed specifically for schools with materials designed to motivate students to strive for better health and improved school attendance.

First prize: \$20,000; Second prize:\$10,000; Third prize: \$5,000 and \$1,000 each for 15 runners up.

Link: <http://www.scholastic.com/lysol/attendance.asp>

Capture this! How ICTs are empowering people across Africa -The eLearning Africa Photo Competition 2011~Deadline: April 21, 2011

The **2nd eLearning Africa Photo Competition** aims to capture how Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) can nurture talent, skills and innovation across Africa. We invite you to send us your photos that depict outstanding achievements in Africa - empowered by ICTs, or that show innovative ways in which ICTs can foster the growth of people, communities and society. *(Might be good for those of you who have exchanged projects with the Cameroon students)*

Link: http://www.elearning-africa.com/photo_competition_home.php

Vernier Technology Award~Deadline: November 30, 2011

The Vernier/NSTA Technology Awards promote the innovative use of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld in the science classroom. We encourage you to apply for one of seven \$3,000 awards.

Link: <http://www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html>

FREEBIES

Friday, September 03, 2010
8:48 AM

Operation Green Plant

Free vegetable seeds, flower seeds and/or herb seeds!

Link: http://www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/index.php

PTO Today Free Family Night Planning Kits

"What's the best way to get more parents involved in your school? Host a School Family Night! Our School Family Nights program is a great way to bring more parents into your school and connect with your school's families. Once parents see what a great time they can have with their kids at your school events... they'll be ready to sign up for more."

Link: http://www.ptotoday.com/sfn/SFN_homepage_leader.php

STEM Research Opportunity ~Study begins October 27, 2010

If you are a grade 5 through 8 science, technology, or mathematics teacher, you are eligible to participate in a new STEM research study as a Control Teacher. Take an approved PBS Teacher Line course for FREE and complete two surveys, and then receive a \$50 stipend!

Link: www.pbs.org/pd/crepstudy.

Classroom Resource Guide

Edutopia is thrilled to share with you our latest classroom resource guide highlighting new solutions for connecting home and school in order to improve student learning and success.

Link: <http://www.edutopia.org/home-to-school-connections-guide>

Fermilab Science Presentations

Is your school within 90 minutes driving time of Fermilab? Why not invite a Fermilab scientist to your classroom! We put on exciting presentations on the following topics. To schedule a visit contact us no less than three weeks prior to your requested date. Send the name of presentation, a few dates, grade level and your contact information to [Nancy Lanning](#) or call 630-840-5588.

Link: http://ed.fnal.gov/trc_new/demos/index.html

IMAGIVERSE--U.S. ONLY POSTCARD EXCHANGE -

Deb Kruse, from Arizona, has graciously volunteered to coordinate this activity for Imagiverse. If you are interested in participating in a U.S. only postcard exchange, please contact the Activity Coordinator and select "Postcards Around the U.S.A. (Spring 2011)" as the subject. We will contact you with further details about the new format for the exchange. We highly recommend [Postcrossing.COM](#) for exchanging postcards with people around the world! Please contact the [Activity Coordinator](#) in response to anything in this email. We look forward to seeing you participate in future Imagiverse exchanges and activities. We hope you enjoy what we have to offer!

IMSA on Wheels ASSEMBLY SHOW

IMSA on Wheels is a mobile science theater offered to elementary schools throughout the Chicagoland area. IMSA on Wheels is an assembly-style show for elementary students in grades three through five; it is designed to spark student interest in science and encourage learning. The current program is called "Science is Shocking" and features demonstrations on electricity and magnetism. The program is sponsored by a grant from 3M and BP. Similar to other Kids Institute programs, IMSA on Wheels is developed and taught by IMSA students with supervision from IMSA faculty and staff.

Link: <http://www.imsa.edu/programs/kidsinstitute/wheels/>

Museum of Science and Industry

Illinois school groups get free general admission for field trips.

Link: <http://www.msichicago.org/education/field-trips/reservations/field-trip-reservation/>

On-line Stopwatch

Link: <http://www.online-stopwatch.com/full-screen-stopwatch/>

Free Award Winning Science Publications, Videos and Materials

Link: <http://www.hhmi.org/catalog/main?action=home>

Lab Out Loud Episode 54: The Encyclopedia of Life

Originally imagined by Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson as "an electronic page for each species of organism on Earth," The Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) is a free, online collaborative encyclopedia intended to document every living species known to science. It is compiled from existing databases and from contributions by experts and non-experts throughout the world. [Join hosts Brian Bartel and Dale Basler](#) as they talk to Dr. Marie Studer (EOL Learning and Education Director) and Mr. Bob Corrigan (EOL Product Manager and Acting Deputy Director) to learn about the EOL, how to participate in the project, and how it can be used in the classroom.

PopSci Online Magazine

We've partnered with Google to offer our entire 137-year archive for free browsing. Each issue appears just as it did at its original time of publication, complete with period advertisements. And today we're excited to announce you can browse the full archive right here on PopSci.com.

Link: <http://www.popsci.com/announcements/article/2010-03/new-browse-137-years-popsci-archive-free>

A Reel Adventure

It's very tempting for children to spend a lot of time indoors with more and more digital tools available at their fingertips. That is why the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and Discovery Education are partnering to promote curiosity in the great outdoors. Explore the Blue is a comprehensive program providing free resources to help you engage your students in a dialogue about boating, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities, as well as teach them the value of clean and healthy waterways.

Link: www.takemefishing.org

Studies in Air Quality for Science Educators

The Science center for Teaching, Outreach, and Research on Meteorology (the STORM Project) at the University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls) will sponsor a short course entitled "Studies in Air Quality for Science Educators" on July 10-15, 2011. This intensive, one-week course is designed specifically for middle school and high school science teachers. Participants will receive a *stipend*. Expenses, including travel, will be paid by the STORM Project. Out-of-state teachers are encouraged to apply.

Link: <http://www.uni.edu/storm/saqse/>

IMSA's--It's FunShop Time!

This spring we will be holding two FunShops at IMSA in Aurora on March 19 and April 9, 2011. It is open to all third through sixth graders. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email bsumbry@imsa.edu

Link: <https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/kidsinstitute/students>

FUNDRAISERS

Thursday, September 16, 2010
9:19 AM

JAMBA JUICE

Together with the National Gardening Association, we've created "Sip to Support a Garden", an easy, feel good fundraiser for schools and communities that encourages nutrition, education and sustainability. Just register your school or public community garden* group to join our swipe card program. Every time a supporter of your group uses the card at a participating Jamba Juice, your program gets 10% of the sales. Registered groups also become eligible to apply for one of twenty-five "It's All About the Fruit" \$500 fruit tree planting grants. And because we love to see fundraising (and gardens) grow, we'll give an additional 2% of every purchase made with a swipe card to fund additional grants.

Link: <http://www.jambajuice.com/gardens>

Link: <http://www.jambajuice.com/sign-up?m=NGA>

Flower Power

NGA is proud to endorse Flower Power Fundraising. This program gives schools and nonprofits a "healthy" option for fundraising — selling bulbs that will bloom into stunning floral displays. Flower Power has carefully selected easy-to-plant, easy-to-grow bulbs from among its most popular and best-selling varieties, ensuring a successful, appealing fundraising campaign.

Link: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/fundraising.asp>

Lights for Learning

An education-based outreach and fundraising program that promotes the sale and use of low-cost, energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). The Program helps children and schools raise needed funds while encouraging participants and their communities to become more energy conscious.

Link: <http://www.lights4learning.org/>

Heifer International Service Learning and Fundraising

Link: <http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJRKQNiFiG/b.6135227/>

Box Tops for Education

Sponsored by General Mills, Box Tops for Education enables K-8 schools to earn up to \$60,000 every year by clipping 10¢ Box Tops coupons from hundreds of products such as Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Juicy Juice, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, and more. At the Box Tops Marketplace, individuals can shop at over 70 online stores like Oriental Trading Co., JCPenney, and Lands' End, and a percentage of these purchases will go back to their schools. Teachers can begin their shopping at the Box Tops Reading Room to earn up to 6% on purchases at Barnes & Noble. In addition, they can check out the Bonus Box Tops section for sweepstakes, contests, and other bonus opportunities each month.

Link: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Default.aspx>

Healthy School Healthy You

Established in 2002, St. Hill Pharmaceutical Corporation is a certified woman-owned business whose mission is to provide families with innovative wellness products that benefit the health of adults and children alike. St. Hill started Healthy School Healthy You Fundraisers to help families do something healthy every day while providing a way for the school community to profit at the same time.

Link: <http://www.healthy-school-healthy-you-fundraiser.org/instructions.html>

BONUS SECTION--TRIPS

Friday, February 04, 2011

11:34 AM

Family Outdoor Activity Fair (Grades K-6) June 12, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<http://ed.fnal.gov> – Link on this event through the Calendar.

Bring your family to the Lederman Science Center to explore a variety of outdoor activities together. Activities include walking the emerging tallgrass prairie, netting for land and water critters and visiting the bison herd. The fair is free. Contact edreg@fnal.gov (preferred) or 630-840-5588 with questions.

Green Outreach Event-Washington D.C. for 4th-7th graders June 23, 2011

In connection with the joint 15th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference/5th International Conference on Green and Sustainability, the ACS Green Institute and Beyond Benign will hold an outreach event for metro Washington, DC 4th-7th graders. This event will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 23, 2011 at the Capital Hilton Hotel in downtown Washington, DC. Just 2 blocks from the White House and accessible by public transportation, this event will cap off three days of premier conference programming. Students will learn about basic green chemistry and engineering concepts through a series of live experiments. If you know of an organization (summer camp, summer school, etc.) that would like to participate, please contact the ACS Green Chemistry Institute at gci@acs.org of (202) 872-6102. Please note that all attendees must register in advance by phone; *no walk-ins allowed*. Photos will be taken; therefore, all attendees will be asked to sign a standard photo release.

Purdue zipTrips™ for middle schoolers

"Do you want to take your middle-school science students on a field trip without breaking the budget? Wish you had an alternative? Purdue zipTrips™ is the answer!! These free electronic field trips will bring a new experience in science education directly to your school."

Link: <http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/zipTrips/>