

2008-2009 Grant Newsletter

Stanislaus County Office of Education

Target Field Trip Grants: Education professionals throughout the United States may be eligible for one of Target's 800 grants of up to **\$1,000 to fund school trips**. Applications for the Target Field Trip Grants Program will be available **online September 1-Nov. 1**. For more information visit: <http://www.Target.com/teachers>

Best Buy Teach Awards: The retail company will award a total of over \$3.5 million in spending accounts, gift cards, and cash to K-12 schools using interactive technology in the classroom. Schools must be within 50 miles of a Best Buy store to apply; **applications are due October 12, 2008**. Last year in 2007 in our county, Hughson Elementary School received money from Best Buy. This is a **\$ 2000 dollar grant** to recognize creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. The Teach Award programs focus on students using technology to learn standards based curriculum. For more information visit: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contents standards implementation grants up to **\$ 3000 dollars for teachers in grades 7-12**. The purpose of the grant is to create lessons to increase mathematics content knowledge for one or more of the content standards. The proposal should include details on how the lessons will be implemented and how results will be reported, as well as the anticipated impact on student learning. **Applicants must be current members of NCTM and submit their proposal by November 14, 2008**. For additional information, go to <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1326>

2008 Kids in Need Teacher Grants: The purpose of these grants is to provide funds to K-12 classroom teachers who have innovative ideas. **These awards range from \$ 100 – 500 dollars**, and the applications are easy to fill out. The **deadline to apply is September 30th, 2008**. This is sponsored by Office Depot. Check it out at <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/guidelines.php>

Toshiba American Foundation Grants Program for K-6 Science and Math Education: The mission of Toshiba American Foundation is to promote quality science and mathematics education in U.S. schools. Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. **The grant award is up to \$ 1000 dollars**, with a **deadline to apply by October 1, 2008**. Only teachers in grades K-6 are eligible to apply. For more information, go to: http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/upload/page/100045/applic_K-6.pdf

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Teacher Professional Development grants for **grades K-5 teachers** in an amount up to **\$ 3000 dollars per person** applying for the grant. The proposal must delineate the professional development plan and address how the project will improve the teacher content knowledge and affect student learning in mathematics. Teachers must have at least three years teaching experience, and a current member of NCTM. **The deadline for receipt of the grant proposal is November 14, 2008 by NCTM**. This grant is awarded to an individual teacher. For more information please go to <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1312>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The purpose of this grant, called *Improving Students Understanding of Geometry*, is to develop activities that will enable students to better appreciate and understand some aspect of geometry that is consistent with the Principles and Standards for School Mathematics of NCTM. This grant is for teachers in **grades K-8 who teach full time. The grant funding is for up to \$ 3000 dollars** and the **deadline to apply is November 14, 2008**. The project should include applications of geometry to, for example, art, literature, music, nature, or some other relevant area and materials. For information go to: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324>

State Farm Companies Foundation

State Farm awards grants to K-12 public schools to support education initiatives, including after school programs, improving teacher quality, school to work programs, and any reform that improves student achievement. Funding requests vary, but can range up to \$ 100,000 dollars. State Farm accepts one proposal per organization each year. See the foundation web site at:

<http://www.statefarm.com/foundati/foundati.htm>

Applying for a Toyota TAPESTRY Grant Just Got Easier Now it's even easier to apply for a grant in the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program. Just log on to <http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry> and **apply online for one of 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each or 20-25 mini-grants of up to \$2,500**. Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and NSTA, the program will award **K-12 teachers** of science with a total of \$550,000 in three categories: environmental science; physical science; and literacy and science education. Toyota TAPESTRY recognizes outstanding educators who are making a difference by demonstrating excellence and creativity in science teaching. To apply for funding, qualified teachers must prepare an online Toyota TAPESTRY proposal according to the proposal requirements. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **January 21, 2009**. Visit <http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry> to start your application!

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to helping **parent – teacher groups** achieve more for their schools. Grant funding ranging from \$ 2000 - \$ 5000 dollars is available to interested parent groups **from K-12 schools**. This is an excellent resource for your **Booster Club** or Parent/Teacher organization. **The deadline to apply is October 17, 2008**. Applications are available at:

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

Pay It Forward Foundation

Pay It Forward mini-grants are designed to fund service oriented projects for youth in **grades K-12**. Projects must contain a “*pay it forward*” focus – they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others. Multiple grants of **\$ 500 dollars** are awarded by the committee. The **timeline to apply is from September 15 through October 15th, 2008**. You can go to

<http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

NEA Foundation Grants

Leading and Learning grants provide opportunities for teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth. The grant amount is **\$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups** engaged in collegial study. Application deadlines are **October 15, 2008**, February 1, 2009, and June 1, 2009. Check these out online at <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants>