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GCS Grants in the News…

Math-Science Partnership Grant

This summer, GCS was awarded a Math-Science Partnership grant from the North Carolina Department of Education. This grant will support the *Preparing Outstanding Science Teachers (POST) Partnership* with UNCG. Next summer, GCS teachers will have the opportunity to enroll in three UNCG courses designed to increase the knowledge and skills of science teachers. These teachers will become *POST Partnership* Team Leaders and will work with science teachers at their schools to enhance the Professional Learning Communities at their school. This effort will include Quarterly Academies designed to support the science departments and enhance learning in science classrooms. If you have any questions regarding this grant please contact Valerie Collins at 370-2305

Available Grants

Bright Ideas
http://www.ncbrightideas.com/Nav.asp
Application due September 8, 2006
Will award up to $2000
Grants are awarded to support programs in all disciplines for innovative instructional projects. Proposed projects must directly involve students, have clearly defined goals and learning objectives, use innovative teaching methods, provide ongoing benefits to students and have measurable results that can be evaluated. All teachers are eligible.

Barbara Bush Literacy Grant
http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html
Applications due September 8, 2006
Will award at least 10 grants of up to $65,000
The program seeks to develop or expand projects that provide development of literacy skills for children and/or their caregivers in need. Eligible organizations must have operated adult literacy, parent education and/or literacy or pre-literacy skills for children pre-k to grade 3 for at least two years.

Jack Keats Mini-Grants
http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrants.htm
Applications due September 15, 2006
Awards of up to $300

GCS GRANTS OFFICE PURPOSE STATEMENT

The GCS Grants Office helps school-based and central office staff identify, prepare and submit applications for grant programs designed to benefit GCS teacher and/or student groups in keeping with school system priorities. The Office also advises successful GCS applicants on important aspects of managing grant programs.

It is not a role of the Office to help teachers or students secure personal grants, such as scholarships, or submit entries to contests or organizations to secure grants not in collaboration with GCS.

Additionally, it is not the responsibility of the Office to write grants for central office or school-based staff without staff providing the following information:

- Detailed description of project;
- Need for project;
- Data pertaining to project;
- Budget information;
- Goals, benchmarks and objectives, and strategies to achieve them;
- Detailed timeline of project;
- List of staff affiliated with project;
- Sustainability and evaluation of project.

For more information, please feel free to contact the GCS Grants Office:

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Schools and public libraries are eligible to apply for funding to support programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats are welcome, but not required.

Office Depot and the Kids In Need Foundation grant
http://shopa.org/shopa_foundation/2006_teacher_grants/2006_teacher_grant_app.php?source=officedepot
Applications due September 30, 2006
Will award grants in the amounts of $100-$500
Any K-12 certified teachers are eligible to apply. The purpose of the grant is to fund projects that take a creative approach to using common teaching aids, integrating curriculum in an imaginative way, or tie nontraditional concepts together. Innovation and merit account for 40% of the evaluation of applications.

Best Buy TE@CH Awards
http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp
Applications due September 30, 2006
1200 applicants will receive gift certificates for $2,500 and up to 36 schools will receive gift certificates for $15,000. The purpose of the grant is to expand or enhance projects that integrate technology into the curriculum to engage students and make learning more fun. Eligible applicants must be within 50 miles of a Best Buy Store.

National and Global Youth Service Day
www.YSA.org/awards
Applications due October 12, 2006
Will award up to $2,000
The goal of this initiative is to design and implement appropriate and creative service projects that engage high-risk or gang-involved youth in service and develop their capacity for leadership and civic engagement. A significant component of the service should occur on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Community groups, schools, and faith-based groups that have prior experience and documented success working directly with high-risk and/or gang-involved youth ages 12-25 are eligible to apply. The youth are not the *beneficiaries* of service, but rather, should have a significant part in planning, implementing, and evaluating the proposed service project.

Lowes Toolbox for Education
http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html
Application due October 15, 2006
Up to $5,000 to teacher and parent groups
Awarding funding to teacher and parent groups for school projects that help forward your mission. Sample projects from previous years included playgrounds, parent resource centers, nature trails, peer tutoring centers, etc.

Using Music to Teach Math Grant in Grades K-2
http://nctm.org/about/met/mendelsohn.htm
Applications due November 3, 2006
Will award up to $3,000
This program is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and all applicants must be members or work in a school that is a member of this organization. The award is for individual classroom teachers or small groups of teachers collaborating in one grade or across grade levels. Proposals must address the following: the combining of mathematics and music; the plan for improving students' learning of mathematics; and the anticipated impact on students' achievement.