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GCS Grants in the News...

Teaching American History Grant

This summer, GCS was awarded a $985,412 federal grant to improve the quality of American history education. The Teaching American History discretionary grant program supports three-year projects to improve teachers' knowledge and understanding of traditional American history through intensive, on-going professional development. The GCS project is called *Advancing Performance in United States History for Teachers and Students* or *APUSH* and will use the grant funding to develop, implement and strengthen programs to teach traditional American history to secondary students. This is an exciting opportunity for history teachers throughout Guilford County and will give teachers an opportunity to strengthen relationships with museums and universities and expand their knowledge of American history. Please contact Jonathan McCrae (mcraej@gcsnc.com or 336-370-3273, ext.1) if you have any questions regarding the *APUSH* program.

Available Grants

Disney Minnie Grants

http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/DisneyMinnieGrant20072ndRound/tabid/244/Default.aspx

Applications due August 30, 2007

Will award up to $500

Grants will support youth (ages 5-14) in planning and implementing service projects in their community. Teachers, older youth (15-25), youth-leaders, and youth-serving organizations are eligible to apply, if they engage younger youth (5-14) in planning and implementing the service. Service projects can take place between October 1 and November 26, 2007. Projects should address themes such as the environment, disaster relief, public health and awareness, community education, hunger, literacy, or any issue that youth identify as a community need.

Bright Ideas

http://www.ncbrightideas.com/Nav.asp

Application due September 7, 2007

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 K-12 teachers are eligible to apply.

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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Jack Keats Mini-Grants
http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html
Applications due September 15, 2007
Awards up to $500
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.

MetLife-NASSP Breakthrough Schools Project
http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=66&DID=66
Applications due September 28, 2007
Will award $5,000 grants
The MetLife Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are seeking high-achieving middle level and high schools whose best practices and outstanding results can inform other schools in their school improvement efforts. Selected schools must have 40% or more students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. The project will identify, showcase, and recognize middle and high schools that are high achieving or are dramatically improving student achievement and serve large numbers of students living in poverty. Principals of Breakthrough Schools will participate in dissemination efforts at the NASSP Annual Convention and other venues.

Hooked on Hydroponics Award
http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/2007-HOH-landing.asp
Applications due September 30, 2007
Will award gardening kits (approximate value of $400-$500)
Schools that plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible to apply. Twenty-four educational programs (6 elementary, 8 middle, and 10 high schools) will each receive a hydroponics package including everything required to grow plants successfully indoors—Hydroponic garden systems, indoor light systems, curricula and activity books.

Office Depot and the Kids In Need Foundation grant
http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/2007_teacher_grant_app.php?source=officedepot
Applications due September 30, 2007
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, 2007
1500 applicants will receive gift certificates for $2,500 and up to 50 schools will receive gift certificates for $10,000. 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.

Toshiba America Foundation Grants Program for K-6 Science & Math Education
http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/upload/page/100045/applic_K-6.pdf
Application due October 1, 2007
May apply for up to $1,000
Teachers in grades K-6 may apply. Grants will be awarded to the teacher's school and will be restricted for use by the teacher in his/her classroom. Only one application per teacher is allowed. Projects must: 1) advance the teacher's science and math teaching units in grades K-6; 2) occur during the school day; and 3) be completed by May 1st so that a project final report can be submitted by May 15th. Projects should take place over at least three class sessions and should not be based solely on the purchase of a prepackaged kit.

Lowes Toolbox for Education
http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html
Application due October 12, 2007
Between $2,000 and $5,000 to teacher and parent groups
Awards 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.

Pay It Forward Grant
http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html
Application due October 15, 2007
May apply for up to $500
Projects should focus on one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus – that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially – to be considered in the grant making process

NEA Foundation Grants
http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm
Applications due October 15, 2007
Will award an unspecified number of grants up to $5,000
Grants awarded to a teacher or group of teachers to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection.
http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership_Guidelines.htm
Applications due October 15, 2007
Will award $2,000 for individuals and $5,000 for groups
Grants will 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.

National Science Teachers Association Awards
http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx
Applications due October 15, 2007
The NSTAA has several awards recognizing excellence in teaching and leading in schools. The following is a list of the awards and the amounts of funding associated with the awards:
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Exemplary Middle Level and High School Principal Awards for middle and high school principals, awards up to $2,000
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Exemplary Middle Level and High School Science Teaching Award for middle and high school science teachers, awards up to $2,000
DCAT "Making a Difference"Award for middle school science programs, grades 6-12, awards up to $2,500
Delta Education/Frey- Neo/CPO Science Education Awards for Excellence in Inquiry based Science Teaching for grades PreK-12, awards up to $1,500
Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Awards for New Teachers for teachers who have taught less than three years, awards up to $1,000
Shell Science Teaching Award for science K-12 teachers, awards up to $10,000
Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers for teachers grades K-6, awards up to $1,000
VSP Vision of Science Award for science teachers grades K-8, awards up to $3,000