



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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Youth Gardening Programs

Sponsor: National Gardening Association

Deadline: 10/31/2012

Amount: \$400

Description: A program of the National Gardening Association, the Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States.

The winning programs will provide youth with the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle compatible with environmental stewardship and an understanding of how their actions can positively impact the well-being of their community. To be eligible, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2012 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education related to environmental, nutrition, and hunger issues in the U.S.

[Link to RFP](#)

Fund for Teachers: Grants for Travel and Growth **click to follow link**

The Fund for Teachers makes direct grants to teachers for summer learning opportunities of their own design.

Maximum Award: \$5,000.

Eligibility: teachers K-12 with a minimum of three years teaching experience; teachers must be full-time and spend at least 50 percent of the time in the classroom when grants are approved and made.

Deadline: varies by state.

[Humane Society of the United States: Education Mini-grant](#) **click to follow link**

The Humane Society of the United States is now accepting applications for the 2012 Humane Education Mini-Grant, designed to fund innovative humane education opportunities in K-12 classrooms.

Maximum Award: \$1,000.

Eligibility: all certified K-12 teachers in the U.S.

Deadline: November 30, 2012.

[Grants for Early Literacy Professionals](#) **click to follow link**

RA & RR Reading Conference Grants are available to help fund expenses for selected early literacy professionals attending International Reading Association or Reading Recovery conferences.

Maximum Award: \$200.

Eligibility: early literacy professionals (grades K-3).

Deadline: N/A.

[Campbell's: Labels for Education](#) **click to follow link**

The Campbell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products.

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools.

Deadline: N/A.

[VFW: National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award](#) The VFW's National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. Maximum award: \$1,000. Eligibility: teachers K-12. Deadline: November 1, 2012.

<http://www.vfw.org/Community/Teacher-of-the-Year/>

[NSTA: Awards for Excellence in Inquiry-based Science Teaching](#) **click to follow link**

The Delta Education/Frey-Neo/CPO Science Awards for Excellence in Inquiry-based Science Teaching will recognize and honor three full-time PreK-12 teachers of science

who successfully use inquiry-based science to enhance teaching and learning in their classroom.

Maximum Award: \$1,500 towards expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference, and \$1,500 for the awardee.

Eligibility: PreK-12 teachers of science.

Deadline: November 30, 2012.

[NSTA: DCAT Association "Making a Difference" Award](#) [click to follow link](#)

The Drug, Chemical & Associated Technologies Association "Making a Difference" Award recognizes excellence in a science program developed and implemented by middle- or high school-level science teachers, grades 6-12. Entries must show innovative and effective teaching strategies combined with a science program that has influenced students to explore and investigate science and its application to global problems.

Maximum Award: \$2,500 to be used to enhance or expand the winning science program; the winning school's lead science teacher and principal will be awarded coach airfare and two nights' hotel accommodation to attend NSTA's National Conference.

Eligibility: innovative middle or high school science programs.

Deadline: November 30, 2012.

[AGI: Earth Science is a Big Job](#) [click to follow link](#)

The American Geological Institute is sponsoring a photography contest to celebrate Earth Science Week 2012. The photography theme for this year is "Earth Science is a Big Job."

Maximum Award: \$300, a copy of AGI's Faces of Earth DVD, and winner's photograph on the Earth Science Week Website.

Eligibility: interested residents of the United States of any age.

Deadline: October 19, 2012.

[Shell Science Lab Challenge](#) [click to follow link](#)

National Science Teachers Association

Deadline: 11/12/2012

Amount: Varies

Description: The National Science Teachers Association, with support from Shell Oil Company, is accepting entries for the third annual Shell Science Lab Challenge.

The challenge invites middle and high school science teachers (grades 6-12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups) to illustrate replicable approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Entries will be judged on the basis of a number of criteria,

including demonstrated science inquiry and innovation in the classroom with limited laboratory equipment, materials, and resources; demonstrated impact and engagement with students and the school community; and demonstrated need for support to improve science laboratory experiences. More than \$90,000 in lab makeover prizes will be awarded to the eighteen winning schools. All winners will receive science lab equipment, cash grants, membership to the NSTA, and support to attend NSTA conferences on science education.

<http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>

KIDS COUNT Infographic Challenge

The KIDS COUNT Infographic Challenge is a crowdsourcing competition to give young people the opportunity to get graphic with KIDS COUNT data and enter to win great prizes, including state-of-the-art laptops. Visit the KIDS COUNT Data Center and find national trends on topics like education, health and economic security, or data that offers insight into your state or community. Turn the data into a compelling infographic or image. Upload your infographic (or video) to the Challenge platform. Then share it with your friends and family on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and ask them to vote for your entry. **Voting begins October 1.** To learn more visit: <http://bit.ly/UvCreK>

American Honda Foundation Grants

Deadline: November 1

The American Honda Foundation is supporting broad, innovative and forward-thinking projects that meet the needs of youth, especially minority students. The Foundation is awarding grants of \$20,000 to \$75,000 for projects that emphasize youth education, specifically in the areas of STEM, the environment, job training, and literacy.

<http://bit.ly/PzrmYq>

2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 6

If you're a middle or high school student and you've made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May - by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored more than 100,000 middle and high school students at the local, state and national level over the past 17 years solely for their volunteer work. <http://bit.ly/Qkoqh8>

Project Ignition Grants

Deadline: November 15

The National Youth Leadership Council® and State Farm® are pleased to announce the availability of \$2,000 Project Ignition grants! Public high schools may apply for the grants to address teen driver safety through service-learning. Car crashes remain the number one cause of death for adolescents. Project Ignition is bringing together students, teachers and communities to create change. And they're saving lives.

<http://bit.ly/pKcD1c>

Foot Locker Scholar Athletes

Deadline: December 5

The truth is that many deserving students, who have dedicated a great deal of their time to athletics, will not receive athletic scholarships to college. Foot Locker and DoSomething.org will be rewarding twenty incoming college freshmen with \$20,000 in scholarship funding for college - not because they scored the most touchdowns, but because of their character and commitment to volunteerism. This is the award for flexing heart, not muscle. <http://bit.ly/Qif9UD>

Mickelson/ExxonMobil: 2013 Teachers Academy click to follow link

The Mickelson ExxonMobil 2013 Teachers Academy offers a program designed to provide third- through fifth-grade teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to motivate students to pursue careers in science and math.

Maximum Award: all expenses paid five-day program in July 2013.

Eligibility: third- through fifth-grade teachers from all over the United States.

Deadline: October 31, 2013.

Nestlé USA: Very Best in Youth Program click to follow link

The Nestlé USA Very Best in Youth Program honors young people ages 13 to 18 who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place.

Maximum Award: \$1,000.

Eligibility: youth ages 13 and 18 years of age who demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and can show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church, or the community. Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit nomination.

Deadline: November 8, 2012.

AAPT: High School Physics Teachers Grants click to follow link

American Association of Physics Teachers High School Physics Teachers Grants enables

high school physics teachers to compete for small grants that will support innovative physics programs or activities that seek to increase student enrollment or to enhance student achievement in physics.

Maximum Award: \$500.

Eligibility: High School Physics Teachers who are AAPT members.

Deadline: December 1, 2012.

[Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs](#) click to follow link

The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs across America that offer music instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c) (3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Deadline: N/A.

[High Tech Camp for Girls](#) click to follow link

Microsoft DigiGirlz High Tech Camp for girls works to dispel stereotypes of the high-tech industry and gives young people a chance to experience firsthand what it is like to develop cutting-edge technology. During the camp, girls are exposed to executive speakers, technology tours and demonstrations, networking and hands-on learning workshops.

Maximum Award: camp attendance.

Eligibility: girls grades 7-12; must be 13 at the time of attendance.

Deadline: varies; see website.

[NGA/Home Depot: Youth Garden Grants](#)

National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants provide support to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus or curricular/program integration; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Maximum award: gift cards valued at \$1,000 and educational materials from NGA. Eligibility: schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States.

Deadline: December 3, 2012.

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2013-youth-garden-grant-award>

NAA: Young Publishers Program click to follow link

The Newspaper Association of America Foundation Young Publishers program is designed to help high school students and advisers learn the skills required for success in newspaper publishing through the development of a business plan. To accomplish this, students and advisers must interact with and be mentored by volunteers from the local newspaper as the business plan is crafted.

Maximum Award: \$2,500.

Eligibility: schools with a high proportion of minority students or located in and drawing its students from a rural area; must be able to demonstrate that its student newspaper is either struggling to exist or has ceased to exist.

Deadline: rolling; applications must be submitted at least five weeks before program is to begin.

National Audubon Society: Pennies for the Planet click to follow link

Pennies for the Planet helps young people get involved with conservation by taking part in local conservation action projects, and by collecting, saving, and sending in pennies for national and worldwide conservation projects. In this year's Pennies for the Planet campaign, students and their families can learn about three conservation projects around the U.S. that need help. Each Pennies project represents a conservation effort that will leave a legacy for future generations.

Maximum Award: National Audubon Society staff will visit prize-winning school to create a program about wildlife and wild places.

Eligibility: kids working in classrooms, clubs, Scout troops, other groups, and on their own.

Deadline: N/A.

Scholastic Lexus Environmental Challenge click to follow link

The Scholastic Lexus Environmental Challenge program is designed to educate and empower students to take action to improve the environment. The program encourages middle and high school students to develop and implement environmental programs that positively impact their communities. Middle and high school teams comprised of 5 to 10 students and one teacher advisor are invited to participate in four initial challenges, each addressing a different environmental element -- land, water, air, and climate.

Maximum Award: \$75,000.

Eligibility: students in grades 6-12 and their teachers.

Deadline: varies.

[VSP: Sight for Students](#) click to follow link

Sight for Students is a VSP charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners who identify children in need and VSP network doctors who provide the eye care services. Parents and guardians interested in seeking assistance through the Sight for Students program must work through VSP's established network of community partners. VSP does not issue gift certificates directly to the public.

Eligibility: There are five basic qualifications a child must meet in order to receive a Sight for Students gift certificate: family income is no more than 200 percent of federal poverty level (see website for chart); child is not enrolled in Medicaid or other vision insurance; child is 18 years old or younger and has not graduated from high school; child or parent is a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant with a social security number; and child has not used the Sight for Students program during the past 12 months.

Deadline: N/A.

[Funding for Teachers to Bring Monarch Butterflies into the Classroom](#) click to follow link

The Live Monarch Foundation Educator Outreach Program provides funding for teachers throughout the United States to enroll in the National Campaign to bring Monarch Butterflies into the classroom. This program provides education and materials to strengthen the Monarch's 3,000 mile migratory route within North America by creating self-sustaining butterfly gardens and refuges. Current extreme weather has eliminated early milkweed growth... participation is critical. Materials will be provided for each participant to raise a virtual butterfly and start a real butterfly garden with professional instruction on each level of its maintenance and care, with insight into the shared responsibility of each person to protect our fragile environment one backyard at a time.

Maximum Award: n/a.

Eligibility: teachers and classrooms in areas on the monarch migratory route.

Deadline: rolling.

[Bully Prevention Grant](#)

The Quest Education Systems Bully Prevention Grant is to help schools and districts implement a bully reporting and alert system into their comprehensive Bully Prevention Plan. Any public school, private school, charter school, school district, college or university may apply. Quest will award a variety of grants that will fund 25%-100% of costs associated with implementing the National Bully Reporting and Alert System hosted

by StopWalkTalk.org. View our grant application here, visit us online at www.QuestEducationSystems.com, or give us a call at (866) 942-4430.

[NGA/Subaru: Healthy Sprouts Awards](#)

The National Gardening Association/Subaru Healthy Sprouts Awards recognize outstanding youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. Maximum award: \$500 gift certificate to Gardener's Supply; NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, chock full of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons. Eligibility: schools or organizations that plan to garden with children between the ages of 3 and 18. Deadline: October 31, 2012.

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2012-subaru-healthy-sprouts-award>

[Freedom Foundation: Leavey Awards](#)

The Leavey Awards for Excellence In Private Enterprise Education honor outstanding educators who excite a commitment in their students to the free enterprise system and unleash the entrepreneurial skills of their students at the elementary, junior high school, high school and college level. Maximum award: \$15,000. Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school (grades K-12), college or university. Deadline: November 1, 2012.

<http://www.freedomfoundation.org/Leavy-Awards.cfm>

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<http://www.aapt.org/Programs/grants/hsgrant.cfm>

[CVS/Caremark: Community Grants](#) **click to follow link**

CVS/Caremark Community Grants are currently accepting proposals for programs, targeting children under age 21 with disabilities, which address health and rehabilitation services or enabling physical movement and play.

Maximum Award: \$5,000.

Eligibility: non-profits located in states that also have CVS stores.

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NCTM: Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry Grants [click to follow link](#)

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry grant 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. The project should include applications of geometry

to, for example, art, literature, music, architecture, nature, or some other relevant area and may integrate the use of technology into the teaching of geometry. Proposals must address the following: geometry content, the appropriateness of the application, the link between the Geometry Standard and the project's activities, and the anticipated impact on students' learning.

Maximum Award: \$4,000.

Eligibility: teachers preK-8 who are NCTM members as of October 15, 2012 or teach at a school with a preK-8 NCTM school membership as of October 15, 2012.

Deadline: November 9, 2012.

NCTM: Mathematics Course Work Scholarships for Grades PreK-5 Teachers [click to follow link](#)

The National Council for the Teachers of Mathematics Course Work Scholarships for Grades PreK-5 Teachers provides financial support for improving teachers' understanding of mathematics by completing course work.

Maximum Award: \$2,000.

Eligibility: individual classroom teachers or small groups of teachers currently teaching mathematics in grades PreK-5 level who are also (as of October 15, 2012) Full Individual or e-Members of NCTM or teach in a school with a current (as of October 15, 2012) NCTM PreK-8 school membership.

Deadline: November 9, 2012.

UnitedHealth HEROES Service-Learning Grants Accepting Applications: Sept. 4 - Oct. 15. YSA and UnitedHealthcare are inviting schools and other community-based nonprofit organizations to Step into Service by applying for UnitedHealth HEROES grants. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for youth-led service-learning projects which aim to combat childhood obesity through walking, running or hiking programs. The online application will open on September 4, 2012 and will close on October 15, 2012. YSA will hold webinars to help applicants through the application process and answer all of their questions. The first webinar will be September 13th at 3:00pm Eastern - [Sign up here](#). For more information, visit www.YSA.org/HEROES