



# Grant Opportunities

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## C-SPAN StudentCam Competition

### Ending Soon!

**Deadline:** January 20, 2015

**Apply:** C-SPAN

**Description:** StudentCam is C-SPAN's annual national video documentary competition that encourages students in grades 6-12 to think seriously about issues that affect communities and the nation. Students are invited to create a 5-7 minute video documentary on a specific topic. Students may compete individually or in teams. All documentaries must contain a small amount of supporting C-SPAN footage that relates to the chosen topic. There will be up to 150 student prizes and 53 advisor prizes, totaling \$100,000. Prizes will be awarded in 2 categories: middle school and high school. The Grand Prize-winning student will receive \$5,000 and his or her school will receive up to \$1,000 to spend on digital video equipment. All students with winning videos will receive a certificate of recognition and may be placed on C-SPAN's StudentCam Winners page.

## White House Student Film Festival

### Ending soon!

**Deadline:** January 20, 2015

**Apply:** National Association of Secondary School Principals

**Description:** Submissions are now being accepted through January 20, 2015 for the second White House Student Film Festival. The theme of this year's festival is ***The Impact of Giving Back***, and it's open to U.S. students, grades K-12. So tell a story about paying it forward, about community service, or what making a difference looks like. It can be a fictional story or a short documentary. **Submission Guidelines:** 1) All films must be shorter than 3 minutes; 2) All films must be made by students in grades K-12; 3) No film may use copyrighted material, including music, TV shows, or movies; 4) All films must be uploaded to YouTube; 5) All film submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 20, 2015.

## Fund for Teachers (FTF) Fellowships

### Ending soon!

**Deadline:** January 29, 2015

**Apply:** Fund for Teachers

**Description:** Fund for Teachers grants are used for an unlimited variety of projects, all designed to create enhanced learning environments for teachers, their students and their school communities. We believe that supporting teachers' active participation in their own professional growth, positively impacts student learning and achievement.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- 1) Employed full-time as a PreK-12th grade teacher and spends at least 50% of their work week in direct instruction with students in a classroom or classroom-like setting;
- 2) Intends to continue teaching in the consecutive school year; and
- 3) Has at least three years teaching experience as a PreK-12th grade teacher.

Individuals may apply for up to \$5,000 and teams may apply for up to \$10,000 (while team members may be from different schools, districts or states, all members must meet the eligibility criteria). Upon award, Fellows will receive 90% of their grant award, the remaining 10% to be reimbursed upon completion of post-fellowship requirements.

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## ExploraVision Awards

**Ending soon!**

**Deadline:** January 30, 2015

**Apply:** Toshiba and the National Science Teacher Association

**Description:** ExploraVision encourages K-12 students of all interests, skills, and ability levels to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. All inventions and innovations should result from creative thinking and problem solving. To enter ExploraVision, students will work in groups of 2-4 people — simulating a real research and development (R&D) team. A teacher will serve as team coach, and teams can also choose an optional mentor. ExploraVision prizes include a savings bond worth up to \$10,000, technology for schools, and a special gift for each student, teacher, and mentor.

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## Youth Environmental Education Projects

**Ending soon!**

**Deadline:** January 31, 2015

**Apply:** Captain Planet Foundation

**Description:** The Captain Planet Foundation funds innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. An additional priority is to fund programs that encourage environment-based education in schools. Captain Planet Foundation will accept small grant requests for amounts between \$500- \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects.

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## Campus Kitchen Launch Grants

**Deadline:** February 1, 2015

**Apply:** The Campus Kitchens Project

**Description:** The Campus Kitchens project has numerous funding options and grant opportunities available to schools across the country to help with the planning and implementation of a Campus Kitchen. The Campus Kitchens Project is a national non-profit that empowers student leaders to create innovative and sustainable solutions to hunger. If hunger and food insecurity are issues in your community and you want to make an impact on both the community need and the students on campus, consider starting a Campus Kitchen chapter at your school. Campus Kitchen students rescue food that would have gone to waste from their on-campus dining hall cafeterias and use that food to prepare and serve balanced nutritious meals food insecure residents in their communities. To learn more about these \$5,000 launch grants, visit our grants page at: [www.campuskitchens.org/grant-opportunities/](http://www.campuskitchens.org/grant-opportunities/).

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## FAFSA Completion Commencement Video Challenge

**Deadline:** March 16, 2015

**Apply:** [www.whitehouse.gov/reach-higher/fafsa-commencement](http://www.whitehouse.gov/reach-higher/fafsa-commencement)

**Description:** With “FAFSA season” just around the corner, First Lady Michelle Obama is calling on every high school senior in America to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and for students, principals, teachers, school counselors, and administrators to show how their school is taking action to get more students to fill out their forms. Create a three to five minute video that highlights how your school is stepping up. Not only will you be making a big difference for your school and your students, but the First Lady could be sending your school a special video message or speak at your commencement ceremony next spring.

Videos must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo to be submitted. School principal (or designee) must complete the entry form and submit a link to your video. Winning videos will be chosen based on creativity and a school’s FAFSA completion growth rate as of March 16, 2015 over a school’s 2014 FAFSA completion growth rate, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid.

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## President’s Volunteer Service Award

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** Presidential Service Awards & Youth Service America

**Description:** Established in 2003, the PVSA is given by the President of the United States and honors individuals, families and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months. To qualify for the President’s Volunteer Service Award, volunteers simply submit a record of their service hours to Youth Service America (YSA), and YSA will verify the service and award the PVSA. Volunteer service hours are not limited to those performed as part of Youth Service America programs. In fact, service hours can be accumulated through work on a variety of projects throughout the year. The only requirement is that the necessary hours be completed within 12 months; recipients can qualify for a new PVSA each year.

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## Toshiba America Foundation Grants

**Deadline:** Rolling Basis

**Apply:** Toshiba America Foundation

**Description:** The Toshiba America Foundation contributes to science and math education by investing in teacher-designed projects for students in grades 6-12. Grant applications asking for more than \$5,000 are due February 1. All other requests from grade 6-12 educators are evaluated on a rolling basis. Grants for grades K-5 are due October 1 each year. All applications for Toshiba education grants must be submitted online. Applications must be for project-based learning. Toshiba does not consider requests solely for computers.

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## Karma for Cara Foundation Micro-Grants

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Apply:** Karma for Cara Foundation

**Description:** The Karma for Cara Foundation is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, they want to hear what project you're passionate about.

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## Sports-For-All Clinic Grants

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** VolunTEENation.org

**Description:** Passion for sports? Promote fitness in your community by hosting a Sports-For-All Clinic. VolunTEENation.org can provide you with funding, support and guidance to host your own sports clinic for youth on the autism spectrum. The grant can help fund the facility rental, healthy snacks, promotional fliers and/or equipment costs. Grant applications MUST be accompanied by two letters of reference. One letter must be from a school principal, athletic director, coach, or adult advisor and should be on official school letterhead. The second letter must be from the organization, facility or community field, or school that will host the event. The letters should provide a brief description of the event and contact information for the reference.

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## Baseball Tomorrow Fund

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Apply:** Major League Baseball Foundation's Baseball Tomorrow Fund

**Description:** The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) awards grants to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and/or softball programs and facilities. Organizations operating in the U.S. and international locations are eligible to apply. Approximately 400 requests are received annually; approximately 10% are awarded grants. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

- 1) Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities.
- 2) The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs.
- 3) Grants are designed to be flexible to enable applicants to address needs unique to their communities.

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## Science Fair Central Online Resources

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** Scotch Brand Products and Discovery Education

**Description:** Free online resources to help K-12 students plan, complete, and present a successful science fair project. *Save the date!* The Gila County Regional Science Fair will be Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Bullion Plaza Museum and Gymnasium in Miami, Arizona.

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## Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants

**Deadline:** March 15, 2015

**Apply:** Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.

**Description:** Freeport-McMoRan offers Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education grants to support K-12 teachers and schools in their efforts to develop, improve, or expand innovative instructional programs in STEM. Grants up to \$5,000 are awarded to support projects in the eligible project categories. A school is eligible to receive up to two STEM Innovation grants during each application period. Each applicant/teacher/classroom may receive one grant award per school year. Applicants may be teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials at public and private schools located in or near communities where Freeport-McMoRan has a presence. K-12 schools are the only organizations eligible for this support.