

Grant Opportunities

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UnitedHealth HEROES Grants

Deadline: October 17

The UnitedHealth HEROES program is a service-learning, health literacy initiative that awards grants to help youth, ages 5-25, create and implement local, hands-on programs to fight childhood obesity. The grants encourage semester-long projects that launch on MLK Day of Service and culminate on Global Youth Service Day. Schools, service-learning coordinators, non-profits, and students in the health professions located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for the \$500 - \$1,000 grants. Learn more at www.YSA.org/HEROES

Make a Difference Day Awards

Deadline: October 22

Join the largest day of community service, Make a Difference Day - a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors - on October 22, 2011. Register your Make a Difference Day project. When you create your project on the DAYtaBANK you also have the opportunity to enter it in the national awards competition to win a \$10,000 award from Newman's Own! Report your project results after Oct. 22 for the opportunity to win one of two MOTOROLA XOOM tablets. In order to be considered to win one of 10 \$10,000 grants from Newman's Own, you must register your project and report the results after the project. <http://bit.ly/qBxkAc>

Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program

Deadline: October 31

Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities, weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing or community

facilities; planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities; and development of community parks or green spaces. Grants of up to \$5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. <http://bit.ly/eIis5T>

Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, government agencies, libraries, and schools on a local and national scale that bring systemic change to the communities they serve. The Foundation provides grants averaging \$1,000 in three distinct categories. The focus of the "Making a Difference in Children's Lives" category is on activities that serve, teach, and inspire children, youth, and families. The "Building Communities" category targets civic organizations and activities that serve the needs of company communities. The purpose of the "Disaster Relief" category is to support the relief efforts of recognized local, regional, and national agencies. Priority is given to organizations that participate in the [Office Depot Foundation Leadership Network](#). Requests are reviewed monthly. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant application guidelines and take the eligibility survey.

American School Board/ Sodexo: Magna Awards

The American School Board/ Sodexo Magna Awards honor outstanding programs developed or supported by school boards that showcase school district leadership, creativity, and commitment to student achievement. Maximum award: \$4,000. Eligibility: local school boards. Deadline: October 31, 2011.

<http://www.asbj.com/magna/>

Everyday Young Hero Awards

Deadline: Ongoing

Awarded weekly to a young person from around the world who exemplifies an extraordinary commitment to service, the Everyday Young Hero Award program is open to youth ages 5-25. Nominations must come from a parent, teacher or other adult mentor. Winners are announced in the NSB, featured on YSA's website and showcased within its social media outlets. Everyday Young Heroes also receive a certificate, award and press release. Nominate

a young person you know to be recognized as an Everyday Young Hero at www.YSA.org/awards/hero

[Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants](#)

Deadline: October 14 or 1,500 applications

The Toolbox for Education Grant Program provides grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to public K-12 schools and school parent-teacher groups associated with public schools throughout the U.S. that develop projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit.

Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean up projects. The deadline is October 14; however, if 1,500 applications are received before the deadline, the application process will close.

<http://bit.ly/orX4N1>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Spruce Grants

Deadlines: October 15, November 15

With support from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, KaBOOM! will be awarding grants of \$750 each to communities this year who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting. Communities must demonstrate that they have maintained their play space and they have led an improvement project in the last 60 days. Communities that demonstrate this will receive a \$750 gift card to further enhance or improve their play space.

<http://bit.ly/qNmQCs>

2012 Youth Garden Grants The Home Depot Foundation, Inc.

Deadline: November 28, 2011

Amount: Varies

Type: Agriculture, Education, Environment, Social & Economic

Description: National Gardening Association (NGA) awards Youth Garden Grants 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, and entrepreneurship social aspects of gardening (such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning).

[Good360](#)

[New Product Donations - First Come, First Served - Includes Clothing, Diapers, Furniture, Office/School Supplies, and Personal Hygiene Items](#)

Recent new product shipments have our warehouses filled near capacity. If you are a nonprofit or a school, we have product donations available that may help you with your mission. Right now we have Crayola markers and paints, paper towels, picnic tables, mattresses, Post-It Notes, video games, cleaning products, and DVDs available. For larger nonprofits, we have pallets and truckloads of products available. New products arrive nearly every day, so please [visit Good360](#) today to see what's available today!

[Funding for Teachers to Bring Monarch Butterflies Into the Classroom](#)

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.

[Grants for Early Literary Professionals](#)

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.

[ePals, Inc.: free In2Books curriculum](#)

In2Books, the curriculum-based e-mentoring program from ePals, Inc., will be offered for free to some Title I schools. Students participating in In2Books select and read age-appropriate, high-quality books from a list compiled by a team of children's literature experts. The students are matched with carefully screened adult pen pals who read the same books as the students. After reading each book, students and their pen pals exchange thoughts about the important issues in the book via online letters. Teachers reinforce these activities in the classroom with related lessons and discussion.

Maximum Award: the online program, books and professional development (valued at more than \$500).

Eligibility: all 3rd-5th grade classrooms in Title I schools from any one district.

[Do Something: Seed Grants](#)

Do Something Seed Grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start programs and realize ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of the project and organization to help as the project expands.

Maximum Award: \$500.

Eligibility: U.S. or Canadian citizens aged 25 or under.

Deadline: rolling.

[Campbell's: Labels for Education](#)

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.

[Best Buy: Teach@15 Award](#)

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award.

Maximum Award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards.

Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12.

Deadline: ongoing

[Awards for Excellence in Educating Students About Math, Science, Technology & Engineering](#)

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation Classroom Grants are awarded to encourage excellence in educating students about math, science, technology, and engineering. Eligibility: current AIAA Educator Associate or AIAA Professional members actively engaged as K-12 classroom educators.

Maximum Award: \$200.

Deadline: N/A.

[State Farm: Community Grants](#)

State Farm is committed to meeting the needs of communities by giving in three areas: Safe Neighbors (safety), Strong Neighborhoods (community development), and Education Excellence (education).

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations; Canadian charitable organizations, educational institutions, and governmental entities.

Deadline: October 31, 2011.

[State Farm Foundation: Grants](#)

State Farm is committed to meeting the needs of our communities by focusing our giving in three areas: Safe Neighbors (safety), Strong Neighborhoods (community development), and Education Excellence (education).

Maximum Award: varies.

Eligibility: nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, Canadian charitable organizations, educational institutions, and governmental entities.

Deadline: October 31, 2011.

[NCTM: Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics](#)

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics Grants increase the breadth and depth of the mathematics content knowledge of elementary school teachers who have a demonstrated commitment to mathematics teaching and learning.

Applicants must have the support of the school principal in becoming a mathematics teacher-leader within her or his school or district. The grant recipient will be expected to provide ongoing professional development to teachers within the school or district to strengthen their mathematical understandings and instructional practices. The professional development must include sustained in-service programs focusing on improving the content knowledge of elementary teachers within the school or district and working with teachers in their classrooms through demonstration teaching or co-teaching.

Maximum Award: \$6,000.

Eligibility: current (as of October 14, 2011) full individual or e-members of NCTM.

Deadline: November 11, 2011.

[NCTM: Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry Grants](#)

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 14, 2011 or teach at a school with a preK-8 NCTM school membership as of October 14, 2011.

Deadline: November 11, 2011.

[CTM: PreK-6 Classroom Research Grants](#)

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics PreK-6 Classroom Research Grants support and encourage classroom-based research in precollege mathematics education in collaboration with college or university mathematics educators. The research must be a significant collaborative effort involving a college or university mathematics educator (a mathematics

education researcher or a teacher of mathematics learning, teaching, or curriculum) and one or more grades PreK-6 classroom teachers. The proposal may include, but is not restricted to, research on curriculum development and implementation, involvement of at-risk or minority students, students' thinking about a particular mathematics concept or set of concepts, connection of mathematics to other disciplines, focused learning and teaching of mathematics with embedded use of technology (any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant), and innovative assessment or evaluation strategies.

Maximum Award: \$6,000.

Eligibility: classroom teachers currently teaching mathematics at the grades PreK-6 level who are current (as of October 14, 2011) NCTM members or who teach in a school that (as of October 14, 2011) has a NCTM PreK-8 school membership.

Deadline: November 11, 2011.

Verizon Foundation

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, works to improve lives through literacy, knowledge, and a readiness for the 21st Century. The Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that address one of the following funding priorities: supporting technology-based approaches to literacy and education for both adults and children, preventing domestic violence and helping victims gain independence, improving healthcare through technology, and helping people understand how to use the technology of the Internet safely. The average grant size ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The application deadline is October 16, 2011. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application.

National Center for Safe Routes to School Mini-Grant Program

The National Center for Safe Routes to School assists communities throughout the U.S. in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bike to school. The Center's Mini-Grant Program will provide 25 grants of \$1,000 to community nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and local government agencies for projects that focus on increasing safe walking and/or bicycling to school. Funded activities include improving safety, increasing the number of students walking and bicycling to school, emphasizing links between health and physical activity, exploring

environmental concerns, etc. Applications must be submitted by October 19, 2011. Visit the Center's website to review the Mini-Grant Call for Applications.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades 5-12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Local Honorees are selected in November and from these winners two State Honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice. The application deadline is November 1, 2011. Visit the Prudential website for online application information.

Department of Education

The Supporting Effective Educator Development Grant Program provides support to recruit, select, and provide professional enhancement activities for teachers and principals. Proposed projects will include teacher and principal recruitment, selection, and preparation; professional development for teachers of English language arts, with a specific focus on writing; and advanced certification and advanced credentialing. Preference will be given to projects that improve productivity and support programs, practices, or strategies for which there is strong evidence of effectiveness. The letter of intent deadline is October 11, 2011. The application deadline is November 7, 2011.