

Stanislaus County Office of Education
August 2007 Math and Science Newsletter

Hilton Hotels Contributes \$2,000-\$10,000 to Programs that Target Youth:

Hilton Hotels contributes \$2,000-\$10,000 to programs that target youth and education with a primary emphasis in California, Tennessee, and other states where the company has a major operating presence.

Proposals are accepted year-round and applications are reviewed at regularly-scheduled meetings.

Deadline: Ongoing - Hilton Hotels Corporation

http://hiltonworldwide1.hilton.com/en_US/ww/business/citizenship.do

Target Field Trip Grants:

Education professionals throughout the United States may be eligible for one of Target's 800 grants of up to \$1,000 to fund school trips. Applications for the Target Field Trip Grants Program will be available **online September 1-Nov. 1**. For more information visit:

<http://www.Target.com/teachers>

Best Buy Teach Awards:

The retail company will award a total of over \$3.5 million in spending accounts, gift cards, and cash to K-12 schools using interactive technology in the classroom. Schools must be within 50 miles of a Best Buy store to apply; **applications are due September 30**. Last year in our county, schools in Modesto, Sylvan, and Turlock received money from Best Buy. This is a \$ 2000 dollar grant to recognize creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. The Teach Award programs focus on students using technology to learn standards based curriculum.

For more information visit: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp>

2007 Kids in Need Teacher Grants:

The purpose of these grants is to provide funds to K-12 classroom teachers who have innovative ideas. These awards range from \$ 100 – 500 dollars, and the application is easy to fill out. The **deadline to apply is September 30th, 2007**. This is sponsored by Office Depot. Check it out at <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/guidelines.php>

General Mills Schools and Community Grant:

My Hometown Helper grant helps local groups make a difference in their community. Imagine a community garden, high school scoreboard, or new library books. This grant ranges from \$ 500 up to \$ 15,000 dollars. The **deadline to complete the application is September 30th, 2007**. The application is available online at

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com>

This is an excellent opportunity for a school or **parent/teacher group to apply for grant funds**.

Toshiba American Foundation Grants Program for K-6 Science and Math Education:

The mission of Toshiba American Foundation is to promote quality science and mathematics education in U.S. schools. Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The grant award is up to \$ 1000 dollars, with a **deadline to apply by October 1, 2007**. Only teachers in grades K-6 are eligible to apply. For more information, go to:

http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/upload/page/100045/applic_K-6.pdf

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to helping parent – teacher groups achieve more for their schools. Grant funding ranging from \$ 2000 - \$ 5000 dollars is available to interested parent groups from K-12 schools. This is an excellent resource for your **Booster Club** or Parent/Teacher organization. **The deadline to apply is October 12, 2007**.

Applications are available at:

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

Pay It Forward Foundation

Pay It Forward mini-grants are designed to fund service oriented projects for youth in grades K-12. Projects must contain a “*pay it forward*” focus – they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others.

Multiple grants of \$ 500 dollars are awarded by the committee. The **deadline to apply is October 15th, 2007**. You can go to <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

The purpose of this grant, called *Improving Students Understanding of Geometry*, 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. This grant is for teachers in grades K-8 who teach full time. The grant funding is for up to \$ 3000 dollars and the **deadline to apply is November 2, 2007**. The project should include applications of geometry to, for example, art, literature, music, nature, or some other relevant area and materials. For information go to:

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324>

Advanced Micro Devices, Inc:

The AMD Corporate Contributions targets programs in grades K-12 that increase student interest and/or proficiency in literacy, math, science, and computer technology. Because teachers are the key to successful learning, AMD funds programs aimed at developing and supporting effective classroom instruction. The grant funding varies, according to the need described in the application. **Deadline is December 1, 2007** and additional information available at:

http://www.amd.com/us-en/Corporate/AboutAMD/0,,51_52_7697_7702,00.html

EcoPhones Fundraiser

The EcoPhones Drive is a cellular phone fund raising and recycling program that pays organizations up to \$ 100 dollars for each used digital cell phone they turn in. No buying or selling is required to participate, just recycling. Once you have collected a full box of cell phones, EcoPhones will pick them up free. For information on this go to:

<http://www.ecophones.com>

State Farm Companies Foundation

State Farm awards grants to K-12 public schools to support education initiatives, including after school programs, improving teacher quality, school to work programs, and any reform that improves student achievement. Funding requests vary, but can range up to \$ 100,000 dollars. State Farm accepts one proposal per organization each year. See the foundation web site at:

<http://www.statefarm.com/foundati/foundati.htm>

Applying for a Toyota TAPESTRY Grant Just Got Easier Now it's even easier to apply for a grant in the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program. Just log on to

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry> and apply online for one of 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each or 20-25 mini-grants of up to \$2,500. Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and NSTA, the program will award K-12 teachers of science with a total of \$550,000 in three categories:

environmental science; physical science; and literacy and science education. Toyota TAPESTRY recognizes outstanding educators who are making a difference by demonstrating excellence and creativity in science teaching. Since 1991 the program has awarded more than \$7 million to 826 teams of teachers for innovative science classroom projects. Toyota and NSTA hope these grants continue to inspire teachers and serve as a catalyst for lifetime science learning. To apply for funding, qualified teachers must prepare an online Toyota TAPESTRY proposal according to the proposal requirements. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **January 28, 2008**. Visit

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry> to start your application!

Texas Instruments Foundation

Applicants for funding usually range from \$ 5000 – 10,000 dollars. There is no special application form. Applicants are encouraged to submit a 1-2 page proposal that outlines how they will use the money in the classroom or school. Approximately 65 total grants are funded each year. The web site is: <http://ti.com/corp/docs/company/citizen/education>