



Technology Funding Alert!

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Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey

Findings from the 2007 **Project Tomorrow Speak Up Survey** indicate that the digital disconnect is alive and well. According to the 1.2 million students, teachers, administrators and parents surveyed over the past four years, there are fundamental differences between students and teachers, between girls and boys, and between older and younger students both in the types of technology being used, and the ways in which technology is used. Speak Up is a national initiative of Project Tomorrow (formerly known as NetDay). The Speak Up data represents the largest collection of authentic, unfiltered stakeholder input on education, technology, 21st century skills, schools of the future and science instruction.

Most grants require applicants to write a description of student and teacher needs as part of the narrative. Schools and districts that register to have their students participate in the Speak Up Survey will get free access to aggregated data and national comparisons that can inform grant-writing efforts. Participating schools report using the data collected through the Speak Up Surveys to develop strategic plans, make budgeting decisions, enhance their curriculum, and determine professional development needs. By incorporating Speak Up data into local decision-making, districts ensure that their students' voices are effectively represented.

CTAP Region IV encourages all districts to participate in this opportunity to collect important information that can inform technology planning and grant writing. The Speak Up 2008 Survey may be completed between October 27th and December 19th, 2008. To register to participate in the Speak Up Survey, visit <<http://www.netdayspeakup.org/speakup2008/>>.

Bonnie Marks

Eligibility—K-12 public schools in Alameda County
Awards—Grant range is \$3,000 and over

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers

This program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

Contact—tapestry@nsta.org

Website—<http://tapestry.nsta.org>

Deadline—January 29, 2009

Eligibility—Middle or high school science teachers

Awards—50 large grants up to \$10,000 each; 20-32 mini-grants up to \$2,500 each

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG) Student Achievement Grants (SAG)

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the LLG program is designed to support high-quality professional development experiences. SAG promotes innovative classroom projects that engage students in critical thinking and self-directed learning that deepens knowledge of standards-based subject matter. *Grant writing tips are available on the Website.*

Contact—202-822-7840

Web Site—<http://tinyurl.com/NEAGrants>

Deadline—February 1, 2009

Eligibility—Public PreK-12 teachers, education support professionals, higher education staff

Awards—LLG: 75 grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups. SAG: 75 grants of \$5,000

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Programs

Small Toolbox Grants:

This grant program is designed to support facility enhancements (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. **Apply early, once 1,500 applications are received for the small grants program, the application process will close for that cycle.** *Sample funded applications are posted on the Website (see Website FAQ #13).*

Large Toolbox Grants:

A special fund has been designated for parent group initiated improvement projects at large schools or districts for school improvement projects such as landscaping, library or media center enhancement, science or specialty lab creation or upgrade, or parent education programs. *See Website FAQ #17 for application instructions.*

Contact—info@toolboxforeducation.com;

800-644-3561, ext. 208

Website—<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Deadline—February 13, 2009 (for both programs)

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools and parent groups associated with public schools

Awards—Small Toolbox Grant range: \$2,000-\$5,000; Large Toolbox Grant range: \$50,000-\$100,000

GRANTS

Arts Connect All

VSA arts and MetLife Foundation have designed this funding opportunity to encourage arts organizations to create or enhance multi-session, inclusive education programs by strengthening partnerships with local public schools.

Contact—artsconnectall@vsarts.org

Website—<http://www.vsarts.org/x273.xml>

Deadline—December 12, 2008

Eligibility—Nonprofit arts organizations that partner with public schools in San Francisco

Awards—10 awards of \$15,000 each

Disney's *The Music in You* Grant Program

Co-sponsored by Disney and the NAMM Foundation, this program supports schools advancing access to music education and the performing arts. The grant would enable schools to put on their own stage production of *High School Musical* or *High School Musical II*.

Contact—info@nammfoundation.org,

760-438-8001

Website—<http://www.nammfoundation.org>

Deadline—December 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public middle schools and high schools

Awards—Ten awards of stage production licensing fees (valued at \$4,000) and \$5,000 cash

Environmental Education Grants

Offered by the EPA, this program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens.

Contact—Sharon Jang, 415-947-4252,

jang.sharon@epa.gov

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/EPAGrant>

Deadline—December 18, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools, school districts, colleges or universities, state education or environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations

Awards—From \$3M, 95 grants ranging: \$15,000-\$25,000 with a 25% cost-sharing requirement

21st Century High School ASSETS (CDE Funding)

The After School Safety and Enrichment Program for Teens (ASSETs) is designed to support before- and after-school programs that partner schools and communities to provide academic support; safe alternatives for high school students; and assistance in passing the CA High School Exit Exam.

Contact—afterschool@cde.ca.gov, 916-319-0923

Website—<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1413>

Deadline—December 19, 2008

Eligibility—School districts, county offices of education, direct-funded charter schools, community-based organizations, cities, counties, or a consortium of two or more such agencies.

Awards—\$50,000–\$250,000 per school site

Dreyer's Foundation Large Grants

Grants will be given to K-12 public education and programs that help students to succeed in core academic subjects. Priority will be given to those programs/projects that support low- and middle-income youth and minority youth.

Contact—Use the online "Contact Us" form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/Dreyers>

Deadline—January 15, 2009

Grant Program for Grades 7-12 Science & Math Education

Toshiba America Foundation's grant program encourages projects that improve classroom teaching and learning in science and mathematics.

Contact—foundation@tai.toshiba.com, 212-596-0620

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/ToshibaGrant>

Deadline—February 1, 2009 (\$5,000+); Ongoing (\$5,000-)

Eligibility—Public and private school teacher-designed projects for grades 7-12

Awards—Two grant categories: \$5,000 or less and \$5,000 or more

East Bay Community Foundation Education Mini-Grant Program

This mini-grant program responds to teachers' needs for small grants that can be accessed quickly and easily for specific educational and enrichment activities.

Contact—communityinvestment@eastbaycf.org, 510-836-3223

Website—<http://www.ebcf.org>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 public or private school teachers serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties

Awards—Up to \$800

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Adobe Software Donation Program

Adobe's Software Donation Program allows schools to request Adobe software packages. The Program is managed in partnership with both Gifts In Kind International and TechSoup. A small processing and shipping fee will be charged for all software donations.

Contact—703-836-2121 (Gifts in Kind)

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AdobeSoftwareDonation>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofit agencies

Awards—Four individually titled software products or one bundled software package per year.

Canvastic District Licenses

This program offers licenses of Canvastic Version 3 graphics and text publishing software for grades K-8.

Contact—877-579-8207

Website—<http://www.canvastic.com/news/> (click on Press Release)

Deadline—December 31, 2008

Eligibility—Grades K-8 school districts with 20 or more schools

Awards—District licenses valued at \$10,000-\$200,000 each

Stay Tuned . . .

2009 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

The 2009 HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative is expected to be announced soon with an application deadline of mid-February. To stay informed, visit the Website frequently at: <<http://tinyurl.com/HPTech>>.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

Verizon Tech Savvy Awards

Recognizes outstanding educational programs in information communications technology literacy for parents and children.

Contact—502-584-1133 or use the online "Contact Us" form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/TechAward>

Deadline—December 12, 2008

Eligibility—Schools, libraries, community-based nonprofit agencies

Awards—One national award of \$25,000 and four regional awards of \$5,000 each

Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards

Recognizes outstanding educators, administrators, policymakers and other community leaders at the forefront of innovation in education.

Contact—202-222-2335, or use the online

"Contact Us" form

Website—<http://www.leadersinlearningawards.org/>

Deadline—December 17, 2008

Eligibility—PreK-12 educators, administrators, policymakers and community leaders

Awards—Four award categories are offered consisting of a \$3,000 cash award and lodging and travel expenses to Washington, DC for an awards ceremony.

National School Library Media Program of the Year Award

Recognizes exemplary school library media programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum.

Contact—Andrea Parker at 800-545-2433, ext. 1396

Website—<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>

Deadline—January 2, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools and school districts

Awards—Three awards of \$10,000 each to two single schools and one school district

The Broad Residency in Urban Education

The Broad Residency is a two-year leadership development program that places participants into full-time high-level managerial positions in urban school districts and charter management organizations.

Contact—info@broadcenter.org, 310-954-5106

Website—<http://www.broadresidency.org/>

Deadline—December 1, 2008 (Early Cycle);

February 2, 2009 (Regular Cycle)

Eligibility—Individuals with an advanced degree (e.g., master's, juris doctorate, Ph.D.), at least four years of work experience, and a successful track record of leadership and/or management.

Awards—40 residencies

ExploraVision Awards 2009

This program encourages K-12 students of all interest, skill and ability levels to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science.

Contact—1-800-EXPLOR9 or use the online "Contact" form

Website—<http://www.exploravision.org/>

Deadline—January 28, 2009

Eligibility—Teams of up to 4 students, in grades K-12, and their coach and mentor attending a public, private or home school

Awards—Four first-place winners will receive \$10,000 savings bonds for each student; four second-place winners will receive \$5,000 savings bonds for each student; 24 team regional prizes of notebook computers for each school and a gift for each student, teacher and mentor; and all applicants will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.

Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence

This annual awards program recognizes extraordinary contributions by K-12 educators who are elevating the level of science literacy through creativity in the classroom and motivation of students.

Contact—805-447-4056 or

amgenfoundation@amgen.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AmgenAward>

Deadline—February 2, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 public or private school science teachers

Awards—Thirty-four science teachers will be awarded an unrestricted cash grant of \$5,000, and their schools will receive a restricted grant of \$5,000 to be used for the school's science program.

AASL Awards, Grants and Scholarships

More than nine programs are offered in support of school library media programs. Please see Website for specific program guidelines.

Contact—800-545-2433

Website—<http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards>

Deadline—February 2, 2009

Eligibility—Varies by program (see website)

Awards—Varies by program (see Website)

Lexus Eco Challenges: Air/Climate

Sponsored by Lexus, the automaker, and Scholastic, this challenge is designed to educate young people about the environment and to inspire them to create a better world.

Contact—ecochallenge@scholastic.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LexusAirClimate>

Deadline—December 17, 2008-February 6, 2009

Eligibility—Middle school and high school student teams from public and private schools

Awards—Sixteen prize winning teams, consisting of two middle school teams in each of four regions, and two high school teams in each of four regions, will each receive a \$10,000 prize. The sixteen winning teams will compete in the Final Challenge for a chance to win a grand prize of \$50,000.

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