



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## From the Director . . .

In today's Internet oriented world, there are so many web-based resources available that it's often difficult to find the ones that will provide the most assistance. In this issue, I'd like to point you to some grant resources to help you locate funding specifically for education technology. The first one is located right here at home – the CTAP Region IV grants information page <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/>>. Our Grants Resources page contains information and links to EETT and state grants information, as well as to our favorite additional grants resources. Also on the CTAP website is a page focused on technology planning, <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/planning.htm>>. Since having a state-approved technology plan is an essential condition to receive California education technology funds, this resource is key to your grant development success. Another good place to seek grant information is the state-funded TICAL website, <<http://www.portical.org>>. From the TICAL home page, select *Simple Search* from the menu on the right. Using “grants” as a keyword search term will pull up an extensive list of grant resource information, from the top 10 tips for proposal writers to listings of funding opportunities. Lastly, I'm pleased to report a very local source. Judy Echeandia, who has been developing the *Technology Funding Alert!* for the past six years, is now officially a part of the CTAP staff. If you contact her at <[jecheandia@aco.org](mailto:jecheandia@aco.org)> or (510) 670-4223, she can provide you with information about funding opportunities or perhaps guide you to a possible granting organization based on your specific needs.

*Bonnie Marks*

## GRANTS

### ITEA Elementary Grants Advancement of Technology Education in Elementary Schools (K-6)

The focus of the ITEA (International Technology Education Association) grant will be to advance quality in technology education at the elementary school level.

**Contact**—Questions? 703/860-2100; [bmongold@iteaconnect.org](mailto:bmongold@iteaconnect.org)

**Web Site**—[www.iteaconnect.org/I2a.html](http://www.iteaconnect.org/I2a.html)

**Deadline**—January 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—Elementary schools (K-6) applying for the grants must hold membership in ITEA

**Awards**—Seven project grants of \$1,000 each

### Toyota Tapestry Grants

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales and the National Science Teachers Association, this grant program funds innovative science teaching projects in Environmental Science Education, Physical Science Applications, and Literacy and Science Education. Unique ways of applying science to technology and making physical science more accessible to students are encouraged.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed online and will be automatically e-mailed to the “Expert of the Month.”

**Web Site**—[www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm](http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm)

**Deadline**—January 19, 2006

**Eligibility**—K-12 science teachers. Middle and high school science teachers and elementary teachers who teach some science in the classroom are eligible.

**Awards**—Fifty grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20 mini-grants of \$2,500 each

### NASA Explorer Schools

The NASA Explorer Schools program is designed to provide innovative science and mathematics instruction for students in grades 4-9. While partnered with NASA, NASA Explorer School teams will acquire new teaching resources and technology tools using NASA's unique content, experts and other resources -- to provide exciting learning experiences in science, mathematics and technology for students.

**Contact**—Tom Clausen, Moffett Field, CA, 650-604-5544

**Web Site**—<http://explorerschools.nasa.gov/portal/site/nes/>

**Deadline**—January 31, 2006

**Eligibility**—Teachers on the team must be full-time teachers and have a minimum of 3 years teaching experience.

**Awards**—50 new NASA Explorer School teams will receive travel, housing, and food expenses for a one-week summer workshop; \$500 stipend at the conclusion of the workshop; \$250 stipend for implementation of the team's plan at the end of the first semester and \$250 stipend at the conclusion of the school year.

### National Education Association (NEA) Grant Programs

The National Education Association is currently offering the following three grant programs:

#### 1. *Fine Arts Grant Program*

This grant program is designed to enable fine arts teachers to create and implement fine arts programs that promote learning among students at risk of school failure. Programs must address the arts (e.g., painting, sculpture, photography, music, theater, dance, design, media, or folk art).

**Eligibility**—Arts teachers in grades K-6 serving economically disadvantaged students

**Awards**—10 grants of \$2,000 each

#### 2. *Innovation Grants*

Grants support collaborative efforts by two or more colleagues to develop and implement creative project-based learning that results in high student achievement.

**Eligibility**—Public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions

**Awards**—The grant amount is \$5,000.

#### 3. *Learning and Leadership Grants*

Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research. Grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

**Eligibility**—Public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions

**Awards**—The grant amount is \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

**Contact**—Questions for all programs may be directed to [info@neafoundation.org](mailto:info@neafoundation.org).

**Web Site**—[www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm)

**Deadline**—February 1, 2006 (for all 3 programs)

### **Toshiba America Foundation Grants Program for Grades 7-12 Science & Math Education**

The Foundation encourages projects with potential for improving classroom teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers for their own classrooms. Projects involving innovative uses of technology are included.

**Contact**—Questions? 212-596-0620, [foundation@tai.toshiba.com](mailto:foundation@tai.toshiba.com).

**Web Site**—[www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html](http://www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html)

**Deadline**—February 1, 2006, August 1, 2006 for grants larger than \$5,000; Ongoing for grants of \$5,000 or less

**Eligibility**—Public or private school teachers of grades 7-12

**Awards**—Two levels of funding are available: grants less than \$5,000 and larger than \$5,000 (See web site for an archive of funded projects.)

### **Hope Venture Grants**

MTV and Youth Venture are offering the Hope Venture Grant program to support youth who want to launch a venture—an organization, club, or business—that will aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

**Contact**—Questions? 212-278-8930; [ny@youthventure.org](mailto:ny@youthventure.org)

**Web Site**—[www.mtv.com/thinkmtv/features/take\\_action/disaster\\_relief/help4.jhtml](http://www.mtv.com/thinkmtv/features/take_action/disaster_relief/help4.jhtml)

**Deadline**—Up to March 17, 2006

**Eligibility**—Groups of two or more youth, ages 13-20

## **PRODUCT DONATIONS**

### **SchoolSpan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Better Web Site Grants**

This grant program will provide up to \$1 million in technology applications to help schools improve their web sites.

**Contact**—Questions? 800-289-1622, ext. 301; [info@schoolspan.com](mailto:info@schoolspan.com)

**Web Site**—[www.schoolspan.com/](http://www.schoolspan.com/)

**Deadline**—December 15, 2005

**Eligibility**—School districts, private schools and educational agencies

**Awards**—One year of free access to SchoolSpan Plus.

## **AWARDS/CONTESTS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Tool Factory/Olympus Contests Classroom Grants**

Olympus America, Inc., in partnership with Tool Factory, Inc., is sponsoring a classroom grants program designed

to strengthen education through digital imaging and the power of visual learning. Teachers should propose a creative program that involves students and uses Olympus digital cameras and Tool Factory's project-building software as part of the curriculum. Winning proposals can be viewed at the web site.

**Eligibility**—K-12 and special education schools

**Awards**—Ten awards (cash + products) valued at \$3,550 each. Each grantee will receive three Olympus digital cameras, a school site license of one Tool Factory software program, workbooks for the class, and \$500.

#### **Student Photo Contest**

Student photographers and artists are invited to submit favorite photographs online and become eligible to win a share of \$4,000 in prizes.

**Eligibility**—Students ages 4-18

**Awards**—Five contest winners will each receive an Olympus digital camera and one Tool Factory software program valued at \$800.

**Contact**—Questions? 802-366-8253; [info@toolfactory.com](mailto:info@toolfactory.com)

**Web Site**—[www.toolfactory.com/olympus\\_contest/](http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/)

**Deadline**—December 30, 2005, June 2, 2006 (for both contests)

### **Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award**

The purpose of the Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award is to award \$100,000 to one outstanding teacher working in an underserved community. The award seeks to recognize innovative and results-oriented teaching and to raise public awareness of the importance of effective and committed teachers.

**Contact**—Questions? 415-503-8654; [cnorth@kipp.org](mailto:cnorth@kipp.org)

**Web Site**—<https://www.kinderaward.org/pages/aboutus.cfm>

**Deadline**—December 31, 2005

**Eligibility**—Full-time teachers in K-12 public or private schools with *at least* 50 percent of its students qualifying for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.

**Awards**—One award of \$100,000

### **2006 Intel and Scholastic Schools of Distinction Awards**

The Intel and Scholastic Schools of Distinction Awards recognize K-12 schools that demonstrate excellence in implementing innovative, replicable programs supporting positive educational outcomes. The awards showcase the effective use of technology, the benefits of strong teamwork, and the development of excellent classroom teachers.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed online.

**Web Site**—[www.schoolsofdistinction.com/](http://www.schoolsofdistinction.com/)

**Deadline**—January 5, 2006

**Eligibility**—PreK-12 public, private, charter, parochial, Department of Defense, or Bureau of Indian Affairs schools

**Awards**—One elementary and one secondary school will be chosen in each of nine categories to receive a \$10,000 grant. From these 18 winners, two schools will be selected "Best of the Best" to receive an additional grant of \$15,000. Each category winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip for three school representatives to Washington, D.C. to attend the awards gala.

### **8th Annual Inspired Teacher Scholarships & Rookie Awards for Visual Learning**

Inspiration Software is offering this scholarship program to support educators with their ongoing professional development and to champion the integration of visual learning into the curriculum. Inspiration Software is committed to helping educators use graphic organizers and other visual learning tools to help students develop strong thinking and organizational skills and improve their academic performance.

**Contact**—Questions? [scholarship@inspiration.com](mailto:scholarship@inspiration.com)

**Web Site**—[www.inspiration.com/scholarship](http://www.inspiration.com/scholarship)

**Deadline**—January 30, 2006

**Eligibility**—K-20 educators who have direct contact with students and have been employed as an educator for a period of one continuous year. For the Rookie Award, candidates must be new to the area of visual learning and demonstrate a desire and capacity to learn and apply visual learning principles in the classroom.

**Awards**—25 teacher scholarships of \$750 and 5 Rookie Award scholarships of \$750

### **Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards**

The purpose of the competition is to encourage students to combine their imaginations with the tools of science to create and explore a vision of a future technology.

**Contact**—Questions? 1-800-EXPLOR9; [exploravision@nsta.org](mailto:exploravision@nsta.org)

**Web Site**—[www.exploravision.org/howtoenter.html](http://www.exploravision.org/howtoenter.html)

**Deadline**—January 31, 2006

**Eligibility**—Students of all interest, skill, and ability levels in grades K-12 enrolled in public, private or home schools

**Awards**—Awards will be offered in four grade-level categories: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Each student on the 24 regional winning teams will receive a Toshiba digital camera. Schools of the 24 regional winning teams will receive a Toshiba laptop computer, which is to be used by the regional winning teams to create their web sites. Savings bonds, ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000 will be awarded to student members of the four first-place and second-place winning teams.