



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## Local Teachers Win Grant Awards Listed in CTAP Technology Funding Alert!

Twenty-three teachers in Region IV are recent recipients of \$2,500 *te@ch* program grants from the Best Buy Children's Foundation ([www.bestbuy.com/teach](http://www.bestbuy.com/teach)). The grants were awarded to schools in recognition of projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. In addition, Patrick McIntosh, of A.P. Giannini Middle School was a regional grant winner garnering an additional \$15,000 for his school. Funds will be sent to the schools where these teachers work to support the use of technology in the classroom.

This round of grant funding demonstrates that all teachers can apply for grants, and that many receive funding if they take the initiative. We were pleased to hear from so many of these teachers who indicated they learned of this grant opportunity from the *Technology Funding Alert!* More than \$70,000 was awarded in our region. A complete list of funded schools appears below.

We look forward to hearing from others of you who receive a grant from a source listed in the *Technology Funding Alert!* Please let us know of your success.

### Successful Best Buy *te@ch* Program Grant Winners in Region IV

School Name	Contact Name	City
<b>Alameda County:</b>		
Amador Valley High School	Margo Johnson	Pleasanton
Beach Elementary	Stephanie Griffin	Piedmont
Buena Vista	Annie R. Green	San Leandro
Cesar Chavez Middle School	Bruce Roberts, Rebekah Anthon	Union City
Our Lady of Guadalupe School	Renee Ramig	Fremont
San Lorenzo High School	Monique Coughran	San Lorenzo
<b>Contra Costa County:</b>		
Clayton Valley High School	Melissa Foster-Wilson	Concord
Holy Rosary School	Rolando Villareal	Antioch
Lake Elementary School	Gordon Nadeau	San Pablo
Olympic High School	Arthur Heckman	Concord
Madera Elementary	Evangeline Ireland	El Cerrito
St. Jerome Elementary	Mary Jo Mishork	El Cerrito
Sequoia Middle School	Michael Holmes	Pleasant Hill
<b>Marin County:</b>		
Bayside Elementary	Paula Hammons	Sausalito
<b>San Francisco County:</b>		
Alamo Elementary	Jeanette Chin	San Francisco
A.P. Giannini Middle School	Patrick McIntosh	San Francisco
West Portal Elementary	Daisy Chan	San Francisco
<b>San Mateo County:</b>		
Ben Franklin Intermediate	Clarissa Covacha	Colma
Corte Madera School	Brigetta Brown	Portola Valley
St. Timothy School	Marlene Murphy	San Mateo
Woodside Elementary	Harlin Hansen	Woodside
<b>Solano County:</b>		
Vallejo High School	David Tillay	Vallejo
Green Valley Middle School	Jerome Jeffreys	Fairfield

### The Nature of Learning Start-Up Grants

*The Nature of Learning* is the National Wildlife Refuge System's community-based environmental education initiative and seeks to use national wildlife refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues. The grant monies can be spent on technology without restriction.

**Contact**—Deborah Moore, [deborah\\_moore@fws.gov](mailto:deborah_moore@fws.gov) or Kim Chumney, [kmchumney@keystone.org](mailto:kmchumney@keystone.org). For questions regarding grant applications, please contact Lauren Madden at [lauren.madden@nfwf.org](mailto:lauren.madden@nfwf.org).

**Web Site**—[www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm)

**Deadline**—April 17, 2006

**Eligibility**—Programs must involve a partnership among a local school(s), community group (e.g., refuge support group), and a National Wildlife Refuge.

**Awards**—Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for new programs and \$3,000 for continued support of existing *Nature of Learning* Programs.

### American Honda Foundation Grants

The American Honda Foundation makes grants to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused nonprofit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education.

**Contact**—310-781-4090

**Web Site**—<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

**Deadline**—May 1, 2006, August 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools and other youth-focused nonprofits

**Awards**—Average grant range is \$40,000-\$80,000

### InvenTeams High School Invention Grants

Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams is a national grants initiative of the Lemelson-MIT Program to foster inventiveness among high school students. InvenTeams composed of high school students, teachers and mentors are asked to collaboratively identify a problem they want to solve, research the problem, and then develop a prototype invention as an in-class or extracurricular project.

**Contact**—[inventeams@mit.edu](mailto:inventeams@mit.edu), 617-452-2146

**Web Site**—<http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/about.html>

**Deadline**—May 5, 2006

**Eligibility**—Teams of high school students, teachers and mentors

**Awards**—Grants of up to \$10,000 each (In 2005, 18 grants were awarded.)

## GRANTS

### A+ for Energy

The A+ for Energy grant program is designed to support innovative classroom, after school, extra curricular or summer activities focused on energy and/or energy conservation. The grant monies can be spent

on technology without restriction.

**Contact**—Lynn Marlowe, 714-228-6793, [lynn.marlowe@bp.com](mailto:lynn.marlowe@bp.com)

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

**Deadline**—April 7, 2006

**Eligibility**—Public and private K-12 teachers

**Awards**—\$5,000 and \$10,000 grant amounts from a total of \$1.5M

## Think Ink Contest

Each month, the most pedagogically original, innovative or creative entries that incorporate the use of mimio (electronic whiteboard technology) will win a FREE mimio Interactive or mimio Capture solution. Educators, administrators or students in a K-12 primary, secondary, high school, college or university are eligible to enter. To enter the contest, visit the website at <[www.mimio.com/solutions/education/thinkink/index.php](http://www.mimio.com/solutions/education/thinkink/index.php)>.

## Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation (GAERF) Grant Programs

GAERF is a major source of financial support for education and research projects designed to promote careers in graphic communications. GAERF awards standard grants, continuing grants, grants for teacher conferences, and mini-grants.

**Contact**—[gaerf@npes.org](mailto:gaerf@npes.org)

**Web Site**—[www.gaerf.org/grants/grant.html](http://www.gaerf.org/grants/grant.html)

**Deadline**—May 30, 2006 for standard grants; Ongoing for mini-grants

**Eligibility**—High school graphic arts teachers

**Awards**—\$2500 per award for mini-grants, undisclosed for standard grants

## Innovation Grants and Learning & Leadership Grants

The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education sponsors these two grant programs for all subjects, including the arts, literacy, science and technology:

1. *Innovation* grants support collaborative efforts by two or more colleagues to develop and implement creative and effective project-based learning that results in high student achievement.
2. *Learning & Leadership* grants provide funds for individuals to participate in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research.

Grant writing tips are available on the Web site.

**Contact**—[info@neafoundation.org](mailto:info@neafoundation.org)

**Web Site**—[www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm](http://www.nfie.org/programs/grantguides.htm)

**Deadline**—June 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—Public school teachers in grades K-12 and public school education support professionals

**Awards**—Innovation grant amounts are \$5,000; Learning & Leadership grant amounts are \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

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

Toshiba America 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 or teams of teachers for their own classrooms.

**Contact**—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**—August 1, 2006 for grant requests over \$5,000; Ongoing for grant requests less than \$5,000

**Eligibility**—Grades 7-12 individual science or math teachers or teams of teachers

**Awards**—Two grant programs are offered: 1) for grants of less than \$5,000 and 2) for grants of \$5,000 or more.

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Autodesk Product Donations

Administered through Gifts in Kind, the Autodesk software donation program assists nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and others with contributions of software that enhance communities and improve individual productivity. Software donations include the software, supporting documentation (manuals), and authorization to use the software on one computer system. For complete descriptions and the operating requirements of the software products offered through Autodesk's donation program, visit <[www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com)>. To apply, visit <[www.giftsinkind.org/resources/autodesk.asp](http://www.giftsinkind.org/resources/autodesk.asp)>.

## AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/CONTESTS

### Presidential Awards for Mathematics and Science Teaching

#### Elementary Teachers (Grades K-6)

Each year the program recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the awards is to expand and exemplify the definition of excellent science and mathematics teaching, including innovative uses of technology.

**Contact**—Math Coordinator: Sandie Gilliam, [sgilliam@slvhs.slv.k12.ca.us](mailto:sgilliam@slvhs.slv.k12.ca.us), 831-335-1677; Science Coordinator: Debby Lott, [dlott@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dlott@cde.ca.gov), 916-319-0411

**Web Site**—[www.paemst.org/about.cfm](http://www.paemst.org/about.cfm)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—Elementary (K-6) teachers must be assigned, at least half time during the year, to classroom teaching of mathematics or science; or be grade K-6 teachers in self-contained classrooms.

**Awards**—108 awards of \$10,000 each and a paid trip for two to Washington, DC to attend recognition events and professional development opportunities

### ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

The awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning, including innovative uses of technology. Projects are judged on innovative method, creativity, and ability to positively influence students.

**Contact**—[ing@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:ing@scholarshipamerica.org), 800-537-4180

**Web Site**—<http://tinyurl.com/a8a34>

**Deadline**—May 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—Public and private K-12 full-time teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

**Awards**—100 finalists will each receive an award of \$2,000. From the 100 finalists, three winners will be selected to receive additional awards ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000.

### Thomson Gale/Library Media

#### Connection TEAMS Award

The purpose of this award program is to recognize and encourage collaboration between a teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement.

**Contact**—[Vanessa.Birch@thomson.com](mailto:Vanessa.Birch@thomson.com)

**Web Site**—<http://tinyurl.com/7hpom>

**Deadline**—Nominations accepted from April 15, 2006-May 1, 2006

**Eligibility**—Media specialists/teaching teams from public and private K-12 schools

**Awards**—Three cash awards of \$2500 each, \$500 worth of Thomson Gale products, and the Educator's Professional Bookshelf (valued at \$800)

### 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.

**Contact**—[info@toolfactory.com](mailto:info@toolfactory.com), 802-375-6549

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

**Deadline**—June 2, 2006

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

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

### Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes (<http://school.discovery.com/cdwg/>)

CDW-G and Discovery Education have partnered to give away two wireless computer labs (valued at \$40,000 each) and more than 30 additional technology prizes! Your school could be one of the winners. Enter now, encourage your colleagues to enter too, and visit the website every day until the sweepstakes ends on May 1, 2006 to increase your chances of winning.