



Technology Funding Alert!

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K-12 Voucher Funds Likely Available in the Fall

California school districts have been waiting more than two years for the final settlement in the lawsuit between California consumers and Microsoft Corporation, at which time the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program can move forward. CTAP anticipates that final settlement will be reached soon. In April, the California Supreme Court denied a petition to review the lower court's decision, and the settlement now awaits a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court as to whether they will review the case. If they also deny the appeal, the California Department of Education (CDE) will likely release a Request for Applications (RFA) in the early Fall.

At that time, there will be an online application process for districts, state special schools, direct-funded charter schools, and county offices of education to apply on behalf of their eligible schools. Eligibility Criteria information follows:

- Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that have a current, state-approved technology plan will apply for the vouchers on behalf of their eligible schools.
- State special schools, direct-funded charter schools, and county offices of education do not have to meet the state-approved technology plan requirement and will apply on their own behalf.
- Eligible schools are those in which at least 40 percent of the attending students are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program. *State special schools are eligible regardless of their free or reduced price meals status.*
- Eligible schools also include all public high schools in California that serve students from public elementary, middle and junior high schools in which at least 40 percent of the attending students are eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.

For the most current information, including FAQs, please visit the CDE's Voucher website at <www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/st/voucher.asp>. For assistance with development of the required technology plan, contact your county CTAP specialist or Micheline LeBlanc at <mleblanc@acoe.org>.

GRANTS

NSF Academies for Young Scientists (NSFAYS)

NSF seeks to support NSFAYS Projects that will create, implement, evaluate, and disseminate effective models to attract K-8 students to, prepare them for, and retain them in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, leading to an increase in the pool of students continuing in STEM coursework in high school and considering careers in STEM fields.

Contact—David Campbell, dcampbel@nsf.gov, 703-292-5093

Web Site—www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06560/nsf06560.htm

Deadline—May 31, 2006 (required letters of intent); June 30, 2006 (full proposal)

Eligibility—Four required partners for project proposals include: (1) a school

district, a consortium of schools within a district, or a consortium of districts; (2) business(es)/industry(ies) within the community; (3) a college of education that prepares and/or certifies teachers; and (4) an informal science education organization.

Awards—16 to 18 NSFAYS Projects (maximum funding \$800,000 each) and one NSFAYS Research and Evaluation Center (maximum funding of \$1,400,000)

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth School-based Projects

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, School-based projects are designed for children and youth between kindergarten and grade 12; are directly connected to the school curriculum and instructional program; and ensure the application of national, state, or local arts education standards.

Contact—Please visit the website for the

staff person in charge of the field/discipline that is most appropriate for your project (www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP07/FAQs.html)

Web Site—www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP07/LearningintheArts.html

Deadline—June 12, 2006

Eligibility—Local education agencies (school districts) and state and regional education agencies are eligible. Schools may participate as partners in projects for which another eligible organization applies.

Awards—Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

Sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Education, this competition will fund implementation grants to create or expand SLC structures and strategies in large public high schools.

Contact—Deborah Williams, 202-245-7770, deborah.williams@ed.gov

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/slcp/applicant.html

Deadline—June 26, 2006

Eligibility—Local educational agencies (school districts), including educational service agencies and schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, applying on behalf of large public high schools

Summer Workshops for Teachers

This summer, the U.S. Department of Education will hold 14 Teacher-to-Teacher regional workshops. For information and registration, please visit <<http://www.t2tweb.us/Workshops/Schedule.asp>>. One local workshop is featured below.

Santa Clara, CA Summer Workshop

National Semiconductor has opened their doors to teachers for a free two-day workshop on July 10-11, 2006. Through robots and computers, presenters from various technology companies will share resources and ways teachers can engage students. Some of the nation's best teachers will also present a variety of research-based teaching methods for K-12 science teachers. Teachers may be able to earn professional development credit through their district or state by attending. Visit the website noted above to find out more about this workshop, including an agenda and registration information.

Awards—72 awards will range from \$650,000-\$1,175,000 for a five-year project period.

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Classroom Grants

The purpose of AIAA grants is to assist educators in presenting mathematics, science, and technology principles to students (K-12) in an exciting, hands-on manner. Proposals must be received one month prior to be considered for the upcoming quarterly review cycle.

Contact—Lisa Bacon, 800-639-2422, x527, lisab@aiaa.org

Web Site—www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=208

Deadline—Reviews in January, March, June, and September

Eligibility—Teachers must be a current AIAA Educator Associate member or an AIAA professional member actively engaged as a K-12 classroom educator prior to receiving the grant.

Awards—Up to \$200 cash grants to purchase classroom demonstrations kits, science supplies, math and science software, graphing calculators, supplies for robotics programs, supplies for making flying objects or other materials for science and math instruction.

DonorsChoose: Bay Area Website Connects Teachers' Requests with Donors' Interests

Public school teachers propose project ideas by completing an online application, then donors from across the country, choose a project to fund. Requests generally fall into one of three categories: student/classroom materials, field trips, or visitors/speakers. Technology projects are included.

Contact—Becky Johnson, 415-956-0334 or becky@donorschoose.org

Web Site—www.donorschoose.org (click on "View all regions" and select San Francisco Bay Area)

Deadline—Ongoing

The Tony Danza Show's School Makeover Program

Does your school have a special story to share? Is there a challenge that your school faces? Are there special individuals at your school striving to make improvements? The Tony Danza Show, Samsung, and Microsoft® can make a difference. Submit your story online at <http://tvplex.go.com/buenavista/tonydanza/beontheshow/schoolmakeover.html> for a chance to win a school makeover.

Eligibility—Public school teachers in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

Awards—Varies, depending on teacher request.

CONTESTS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT MINI-GRANTS

Samsung's Hope for Education Essay Contest

Sponsored by Samsung, in partnership with Microsoft and the Tony Danza Show, this 100-word online essay contest is designed to better educate elementary, middle and high schools through the delivery of new digital technologies and software. Essays should provide an essay responding to the following question: "Do you know of an individual student or teacher, or group of school children who are missing out on opportunities because they don't have access to technology?" Essays should focus on: 1) the specific educational need, 2) how this need can be met more fully or effectively using technology/software, and 3) the positive long-term impact of this solution.

Contact—johnhan@sea.samsung.com

Web Site—www.hopeforeducation.com

Deadline—June 30, 2006

Eligibility—Participants should nominate a public or state-accredited private school in their community. Please see official rules for students 18 years of age and younger.

Awards—One grand prize: \$200,000 in Samsung technology and Microsoft software; 20 first prizes: \$60,000 in Samsung technology and Microsoft software; 21 nominator prizes: Each nominator whose entry is determined to be a grand or first prize winning entry will receive one Samsung Helix (XM Ready) MP3 player.

Technical Support Mini-Grants

Student TECH CORPS (STC) and Managed Volunteer Programs (MVP) provide the following technical support mini-grants for schools:

- STC for middle and high school students has an online curriculum, testing and certification, Student Help Desk, and volunteer team.
- MVP provides volunteers for computer troubleshooting, training, website design, and other technical assistance to elementary schools.

Contact—Jan Half, jhalf@techcorpca.org, TCCA Program Director, 650-345-6338 or 408-712-5912

Web Site—www.techcorpca.org

Deadline—Ongoing for 2006-2007 implementation

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofit youth agencies in the 9-county San Francisco and Silicon Valley area: Alameda,

Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

Awards—Mini-Grants of \$500 towards STC fee of \$2,500 in Year 1 for licensing, training, volunteers, program management; Mini-Grants of \$500 towards MVP fee of \$500 for volunteer recruitment, orientation, and coordination

Upcoming Summer Grants

Jordan Fundamentals Program

<www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=jordan>
Deadline—Mid-June (Check website in Spring 2006)

Best Buy te@ch Grant Program

<www.BestBuy.com/teach>
Deadline—September 30, 2006 (Applications will be available at the web site starting in July 2006.)

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant

<www.toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>
Deadline—Late June or early July 2006

East Bay Community Foundation Education Mini-Grants

<www.eastbaycf.org>
Deadline—Ongoing (Check the web site July 1, 2006 for information about the 2006-07 grantmaking cycle.)

Aerospace Educator Grants

<www.afa.org/aef/aid/grants.asp>
Deadline—August 1, 2006-November 15, 2006

American Honda Foundation Grant

<<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>>
Deadline—August 1, 2006

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

<www.shopa.org/shopa_foundation/teacher_programs.php>
Deadline—September 30, 2006 (Applications will be available mid-July 2006.)

Toshiba America Foundation Grants Program for Science & Math Education

<www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html>
Deadline—August 1, 2006 for grant requests over \$5,000 (Grades 7-12); Ongoing for grant requests less than \$5,000 (Grades 7-12); October 1, 2006 (Grades K-6)

The Starbucks Foundation

<www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp>
Deadline—August 1-September 1, 2006

Vernier Technology Awards

<www.nsta.org/vernier>
Deadline—October 15, 2006