

Grant Opportunities

January 2015

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Program: Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Eligibility: Any individual public K-12 school or non-profit parent group associated with that public K-12 school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent EIN and official 501c(3) status from the IRS. If your group does not have 501c(3) status, please apply through your school. Pre-schools are not eligible.

Lowe's will donate up to \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups - at as many as 1,000 different public schools per school year.

For more than 65 years, Lowe's has supported the communities we call home. At a time when schools and community groups are struggling to support the basic needs of their communities, the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation recognizes the importance of financial support.

Purpose:

This year, as a foundation, we are challenging ourselves to seek ways to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.

Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Lowe's Toolbox for Education® grant in the 2014-2015 academic year. Thank you.

Deadline: 02-13-2015

Award Min: \$2,000.00

Award Max: \$5,000.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information: Got questions? Contact Lowe's via this email: info@toolboxforeducation.com

Website: [Website](#)

Lowe's Small Grants Program

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Program: Lowe's Small Grants Program

The Foundation provides funding only to 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations and public agencies in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation requires that all applicants take an eligibility test.

Eligibility: Organizations that pass will be considered, but not guaranteed a grant. LCEF receives far more requests than it can accommodate. Many times, requests that pass the eligibility test and fall within the stated guidelines are not approved.

- Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Larger amount requests will be considered, but are seldom awarded.
- The Foundation will reserve the right to consider an organization's grant application only once per calendar year.

Purpose: The small grants program is an outlet for organizations seeking smaller-scale assistance for non-educational focused projects. **These grants range from \$100 to \$2,000.** Small grant project requests must also fit within the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation guidelines. These requests are received on a rolling basis, with no specific cycle dates. **Please note that grant funds are distributed as Lowe's gift cards.**

Deadline: **Rolling**

Award Min: \$100.00

Award Max: \$2,000.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information: To apply, e-mail a project de_script_ion and budget outline to community@lowes.com with a "Small Grant Request" subject line. Due to the large volume of requests, we are unable to respond to all requests and will only notify you if you receive funding, approximately three weeks after submission.

Website: [Website](#)

Teacher Innovator Awards

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: The Henry Ford

Program: Teacher Innovator Awards

To be eligible, an entrant must be at least eighteen (18) years old at time of entry and a legal resident of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia (excluding Florida and New

York). Contest entry is limited to one submission per person. You may only enter the contest one time. Multiple entries from the same person will be disqualified.

Contest is also limited to one (1)

person per entry. Entries from teams of people will be disqualified. Employees of The Henry Ford, and any of their respective related companies, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and agents and any

agencies or other companies involved in the development or execution of the Contest or production or distribution of Contest materials, as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and

Eligibility: children) and household members of each employee are not eligible. No purchase is necessary.

Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries; such entries will not be returned.

a. Entrant must be one of the following and hold proper credentials (teaching certification, school ID or employee ID) to verify being an active educator at time of entry:

i. PreK-12 Classroom Educator (Public, Private, or Charter School)

ii. PreK-12 Library Media Specialist or Technology Specialist/Coordinator

iii. PreK-12 Homeschool Educator

iv. PreK-12 Head Start or Licensed Daycare Teacher

Do you know a teacher who has inspired others to challenge the limits of what's possible? Who encourages others to create bold solutions?

Purpose: We're looking for teachers who demonstrate ingenuity and resourcefulness, who approach teaching and learning creatively, and who are using the classroom to inspire innovation, creativity, problem solving and critical thinking

Deadline: 02-06-2015

Quantity: Unknown

Period: Awards.

Additional Information: Call Center 800.835.5237

Website: [Website](#)

Bezos Scholars Program

Type:	Foundations
Source:	Bezos Family Foundation
Program:	Bezos Scholars Program Applicants must be attending a school that meets the following criteria: Public High School (including Charter and Magnet schools) At least 25 percent of students are eligible for free/reduced lunch program (this is a firm cutoff) Offers Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or college credit courses
Eligibility:	Student Scholar applicants must meet the following criteria: Enrolled in a public high school that meets the above criteria Public high school junior during the 2014-15 academic year Legal U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Demonstrates leadership in school and community Scored exceptionally well on PSAT / SAT / ACT / or practice ACT Taking Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate classes or college/community courses GPA of 3.5, or higher Availability to participate on all dates
Purpose:	The Bezos Scholars Program at the Aspen Institute is a year-long leadership development program for public high school juniors and educators. It begins with a scholarship to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival and continues through the following school year when Bezos Scholar teams return home to launch sustainable, Local Ideas Festivals that transform their schools and communities. For 11 years Scholar teams have mobilized communities around a range of critical issues to alleviate rural poverty, increase digital literacy, create healthier food environments, inspire conservation leadership, and more.
Deadline:	02-17-2015
Quantity:	Unknown
Period:	Awards.
Additional Information:	Questions? Contact Olita Terry olita@bezosfamilyfoundation.org
Website:	Website

Smart from the Start Awards

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: Together Counts

Program: Smart from the Start Awards

Eligibility: Preschool teachers

Purpose: The Smart from the Start Awards are designed to encourage **preschool teachers** to create practical, long-term improvements in nutrition and physical activity at their preschool. By the end of this school year, Smart from the Start will have awarded almost 50 grants helping families, community members, students, and faculty make life-changing decisions for a healthier lifestyle.

Deadline: **02-27-2015**

Award Min: \$2,500.00

Award Max: \$20,000.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information: Questions? education_info@discovery.com

Website: [Website](#)

Innovative Reading Grant

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: American Library Association

Program: Innovative Reading Grant

The AASL Innovative Reading Grant Committee will evaluate the grant based on the following criteria:

Applicant must be a personal member of AASL.

The potential to measure and evaluate a literacy project that promotes the importance of reading and facilitates the learners' literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy

Reading program must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting

Eligibility: Program must encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading. Existing commercial programs will not be considered

Project should demonstrate potential to impact student learning, especially reading

Originality of project and methodology

Potential for replication of the program should be apparent

Demonstration of the ability of the applicant(s) to undertake and successfully complete the project

A project plan that includes a timeline, budget, and clarity of purpose

Research should be evidence-based and scholarly in nature

Rankings based on a rubric that correlates with the ratings sheet.

This award is to be for a successful reading project that demonstrates the potential for reading improvement in K-9th grade. (A program that promotes the importance of reading and facilitates the learners' literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy.) That can show improvement of reading in the students it is applied to.

The grant recipient may be invited to present a program at a future AASL National Conference after the study has been completed and the results known. The grant recipient may be invited to write an article for Knowledge Quest that delineates their reading incentive project and demonstrate their successes, trials, and recommendations for improving so others can replicate the project.

Purpose:

The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.

Deadline:

02-01-2015

Award Max: \$2,500.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information:

Questions? Contact Jonna Ashley, 800-545-2433 x 4382

Website:

[Website](#)

Association of American Educators Foundation Classroom Grants

Type:	Foundations
Source:	Association of American Educators Foundation
Program:	Association of American Educators Foundation Classroom Grants
Eligibility:	Classroom grants are available to all full-time educators who have not received a scholarship or grant from AAE in the previous three grant cycles (or 18 months). Awards are competitive. AAE members receive additional weight in the scoring rubric.
Purpose:	Classroom grants can be used for a variety of projects and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and lab materials. Funds must be used within one year of the application deadline.
Deadline:	03-01-2015
Award Max:	\$500.00
Quantity:	Unknown
Period:	One year.
Additional Information:	Association of American Educators 115 South Union Street, Suite 250 Alexandria, VA 22314 Tel: 877-385-6264, 703-739-2100 Fax: 703-739-2763
Website:	Website

RGK Foundation Education Grants

Type:	Foundations
Source:	RGK Foundation
Program:	RGK Foundation Education Grants
Eligibility:	Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply. Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply. The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals.
Purpose:	The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher

development, literacy, and higher education.

Deadline: Rolling

Award Max: \$25,000.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information: RGK Foundation does not accept unsolicited grant proposals. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Web site as the first step. RGK Foundation will entertain one electronic Letter of Inquiry (LOI) per organization in a twelve-month period. Organizations that submit unsolicited proposals will receive notification directing them to submit an electronic Letter of Inquiry via the Web site.

RGK Foundation - 1301 West 25th Street - Suite 300 - Austin, Tx 78705-4236
(512) 474-9298 Phone (512) 474-7281 Fax

Website: [Website](#)

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: Captain Planet Foundation

Program: Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Eligibility: All applicant organizations or sponsoring agencies must be exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501, in order to be eligible for funding (this includes most schools and non-profit organizations).

Purpose: Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: Provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; Serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools; Inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Deadline: 01-31-2015

Award Min: \$500.00

Award Max: \$2,500.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: One year.

Additional Information: Captain Planet Foundation 133 Luckie Street, 2nd Floor | Atlanta, GA 30303 404-522-4270 | 404-522-4204 Fax

Website: [Website](#)

2015 National Kind Teacher of the Year

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: Humane Society of the United States

Program: 2015 National Kind Teacher of the Year

Eligibility: The National Kind Teacher Award Program honors pre K-12 classroom teachers who include humane lessons in the curriculum or inspire students to act on behalf of animals in an effective, innovative manner.

Purpose: The Humane Society of the United States and its affiliates have given this award annually since 1981, recognizing outstanding teachers who consistently incorporate humane education into the curriculum and/or motivate students to get involved in community service for animals.

Deadline: 02-15-2015

Quantity: Unknown

Period: Award.

Additional Information: The Humane Society of the United States
2100 L St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20037

202-452-1100 or 866-720-2676 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time.

Website: [Website](#)

Excellence in Teaching Award

Type: [Foundations](#)

Source: USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium

Program: Excellence in Teaching Award

District certified teachers currently engaged in integrating agricultural concepts into nonvocational agriculture classroom settings at the pre-K to 12th grade levels are eligible. This may be an individual teacher or a team of teachers (with a designated team leader).

Eligibility: Please note: Only one award and cash prize totaling \$2,000 will be made per team.

Note: Teachers of high school agricultural education, or career and technical education are not eligible for this award

Purpose: Each year the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium recognizes five exceptional teachers by presenting them with the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award. This competitive program recognizes state selected "Teacher of the Year" recipients for their successful efforts in teaching agricultural concepts in their curriculum.

Deadline: 01-15-2015

Award Max: \$2,000.00

Quantity: Unknown

Period: Award.

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