

Mini-Grants Alert

Grants Administration Department
United Independent School District

September/October 2008

Type: Corporation
Source: Lowe's
Program: Toolbox for Education
Eligibility: Any individual non-profit public K-12 school or parent group associated with a non-profit public K-12 school. Parent groups that are applying (PTO, PTA, etc.) must have an independent tax ID # 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 at this time. Also the school must be more than 2 years old.

Deadline: October 17, 2008
Maximum Award: \$5,000 per school
Application link: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Purpose: It's almost that easy when you take advantage of Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program. Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) knows how hard you work for your kids and your community and we're dedicated to helping your parent-teacher group achieve even more for your school. Apply for our Toolbox for Education Grant now and build on your already impressive parent group success with Lowe's. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored

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Type: Corporation
Source: Target
Program: Field Trip Grants
Eligibility: Education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private or charter school in the United States that maintains a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status are eligible to apply. Educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff of these institutions must be willing to plan and execute a field trip that will provide a demonstrable learning experience for students.

Deadline: November 1, 2008
Maximum Award: \$800.00
Application Link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>

Purpose: Target will award 5,000 Field Trip Grants of up to \$800 each during the 2008-2009 school year. That adds up to 5,000 more opportunities for students to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Visit the zoo. Go backstage at a local theater. Tour a museum. Explore more with a Field Trip Grant from Target.

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Type: Corporate/Foundation
Source: Hidden Valley Ranch and School Nutrition Foundation
Program: The Love Your Veggies grant program
Eligibility: School must have an approved Local Wellness Policy in place as of July 1, 2006. School must be an elementary school serving children within grades K-6. Schools may serve additional grades. School representative must fully and accurately complete the Love Your Veggies online application, found at www.LoveYourVeggiesGrants.org. The applicant agrees, should it be chosen for a grant, that it will cooperate with the makers of Hidden Valley® representatives in the preparation of any press releases relating to the Program, including providing permission to use quotes from school officials and images of the school and students. Schools must have sign-off from principal, school foodservice/nutrition director and district contact (superintendent or communications director).

Deadline: November 7, 2008 (4:00PM CST)
Application Link: <http://www.loveyourveggiesgrants.org/>

Purpose: The makers of Hidden Valley® Salad Dressings are excited to announce the 2008-09 Love Your Veggies™ grant program. This year, the program is offering \$15,000 grants to 10 elementary schools in the United States. With support from its partners, the School Nutrition Foundation (SNF) and Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH), the grant program will once again seek to help schools execute innovative programs that will increase the access to, and consumption of, fresh fruits and vegetables in the lunchroom.

Grant awards will be based on proposals that demonstrate need, innovation, greatest likelihood of sustainable impact on the students they are serving and potential for community involvement. Funding must be spent on any of the following efforts: fresh produce, a vegetable station, kitchen equipment, program staffing, nutrition education supplies and food safety training.

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Type: Foundation
Source: Best Buy
Program: Best Buy Teach Award Program
Eligibility: Accredited non-profit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet and charter schools.
All schools must be non-profit.
All schools must be located in the United States or Puerto Rico.
Applications must be completed by educators who have been at the school for a minimum of one full academic year. Eligible 'educators' are certified teachers, specialists, and/or principals.
The program or project must have been in existence in the applying school for at least one full school year.
All questions on the application must be answered clearly and concisely. Home schools, pre-K schools/programs, after-school programs, colleges, universities and vocational-technical schools are NOT eligible.

Deadline: October 12, 2008
Maximum Award: \$1,000 - \$10,000
Application Link: <http://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Purpose: Technology into the curriculum to engage students and make learning fun. As a company, Best Buy believes that when technology is used effectively it can inspire children and have a positive impact on their ability to learn.

The Best Buy Teach Award program recognizes creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. The purpose of the Best Buy Teach Award program is to reward schools for the successful interactive programs they have launched using available technology. Please do not be discouraged from applying if your school does not have the most current equipment.

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The Grants Administration Department provides this listing to inform campuses and departments on the availability of mini-grants. Prior to submission, the applicant must thoroughly review all eligibility and application requirements. The Grants Administration Department can review the application provided that there is sufficient time for edits. Mini-Grants can be submitted directly to the grantor with approval by the respective principal or director; however, the Grants Administration Department requires all campuses and departments to forward a complete copy of the grant application to our office.