

Monday, September 20, 2010

Grant Opportunities: These were provided today in a newsletter from Micro Society. All of these can apply to our alternative education sites. Please seriously consider applying for some of these, I will help by providing letters of encouragement for your innovative ideas and research in the areas of interest needed. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you with these applications.

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[Kids In Need Foundation](#) is awarding \$100-\$500 grants to K-12 teachers to finance creative classroom projects. Applications judged on innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness. DEADLINE: Sept. 30

Registration is open for [Target Field Trip Grants](#) program, which will award 5,000 grants of \$700 each to schools across the US to fund field trips that connect curriculum to out-of-school experiences. DEADLINE: Sept 30.

National Gardening Association's [Healthy Sprouts Award](#) will give 30 schools and organizations a \$500 gift certificate for educational materials and a gardening package from NGA to support 2010 gardening programs for kids ages 3-18. DEADLINE: Oct. 1

[Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation](#) musical instruments to school and afterschool music programs, particularly those serving low-income communities. Pre-qualify to be invited to apply. DEADLINE: Oct. 1

State Farm is teaming up with Youth Service America to offer [Good Neighbor grants](#) of up to \$1,000 to youth-led service-learning initiatives in the US and Canada. Webinar Sept 7. DEADLINE: Oct 15.

National Gardening Association and Home Depot are funding [Youth Garden Grants](#) that support child-centered garden programs at schools and community organizations across the US. They dig programs with an entrepreneurship focus! DEADLINE: Nov. 1

[SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards](#) are taking entries from schools and community groups working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Eight groups will win \$10,000 plus trips to SeaWorld. One educator wins \$5,000. DEADLINE: Dec. 1

Character Education Partnership is taking applications for its [National Schools of Character Awards](#) program aimed at identifying exemplary schools and districts to serve as models in effective character education. DEADLINE: Dec 1.

[Horace Mann and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum](#) are offering fellowships to exceptional K-12 teachers from all around the country to work on strategies for applying historical content in class. DEADLINE: Jan 3

The [Department of Health and Human Services](#) offers community-services block grants to alleviate the causes of poverty in distressed communities. Eligible organizations include national or regional programs designed to provide character building, sports and physical fitness activities for low-income youth.