

Teacher Grants and Awards

Academic Enrichment Grant: available Jan - April

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation offers Academic Enrichment Grants designed to develop in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning. The Foundation considers proposals that foster understanding, deepen students' knowledge, and provide opportunities to expand awareness of the world around them. The Teacher Development Grants support small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking k-12 classroom instruction. The grants provide opportunities for teachers to integrate fresh strategies that encourage critical inquiry and to observe their effects on students. Teachers have the opportunity to reflect and write about their projects, as well as to share their results with other teachers. The Foundation awards grants to individuals in amounts up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of three years. <http://mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/>

Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program: deadline is mid-November

This (AEF) program provides a unique opportunity for K-12 educators in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to serve in the national education arena. Fellows spend eleven months working in a Federal agency or in a U.S. Congressional office, bringing their extensive knowledge and experience in the classroom to education program and/or education policy efforts. <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/einstein/>

American Honda Foundation Grant: deadlines are Feb 1, May 1, and Aug 1

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. They support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment. <http://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>

The Captain Planet Foundation:

These \$500 - \$2500 grants provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth and serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools; Inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. The activities must be project-based, performed by youth; and have real environmental outcomes. <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/>

Chevron: Fuel Your School (not available in Kansas) September - November

Fuel Your School is an innovative collaboration between Chevron and DonorsChoose.org. The program allows K-12 teachers to request assistance in obtaining the school supplies they need for eligible classroom projects. Fuel Your School is designed to help support and improve critical education programming and materials, particularly in the STEM subjects to help prepare students for the growing number of technical jobs in the modern economy, including possible engineering positions at Chevron. <http://www.fuelyourschool.com/>

Eco-School Awards:

Once your school has registered to participate in Eco-Schools USA and implemented the Seven Steps, you can apply for an Eco-Schools award. Through school-based action teams of students, administrators, educators and community volunteers, NWF's Eco-Schools USA combines effective "green" management of the school grounds, the facilities and the curriculum; truly providing students with a unique, research and application based learning experience.

<http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Awards.aspx>

Honeywell Educators at Space Academy

This is a week-long, high-energy learning program for middle school science and math teachers in June. Hosted by the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, HESA is designed to inspire teachers to develop the next generation of scientists in their classrooms. Teachers learn new teaching practices in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education by participating in a series of astronaut-style exercises and simulations, build model rockets, meet veteran astronauts, and so much more.

Applications open: September 1 - November 11 Scholarship includes: Tuition for the five-day program, round-trip airfare, meals, accommodation and program materials [Shttps://educators.honeywell.com/](https://educators.honeywell.com/)

ING Unsung Heroes: deadline is April 30

ING Unsung Heroes began in 1995 as a way for ING U.S. to demonstrate its commitment to the education community. Grants are given to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning. Each year, educators submit applications for an ING Unsung Heroes grant by describing projects they have initiated or would like to pursue. Each project is judged on its: innovative method, creativity and ability to positively influence the students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. <https://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/>

Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

This is a camp where **3rd - 5th grade** teachers go and learn about math and science. The camp is one week long and the teachers are joined by math and science experts from the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions. They come up with fun ways to learn math and science while playing with balloons, rocket cars and marbles. Anything is possible in math and science! <http://www.sendmyteacher.com/>

Milken Educator Award

Founded in 1985 as an initiative of the [Milken Family Foundation](#), the Milken Educator Awards program rewards and inspires excellence in the world of education by honoring top educators around the country with \$25,000 unrestricted awards. Not an accolade for "lifetime achievement" or the proverbial gold watch at the exit door, the Milken Educator Awards targets early-to- mid career education professionals for their already impressive achievements and, more significantly, for the promise of what they will accomplish in the future. <http://www.milkeneducatorawards.org/>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Grants and Awards

The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) provides funds to support classroom teachers in improving classroom practices and increasing teachers' mathematical knowledge. NCTM also recognizes the lifetime achievement of leaders in mathematics education. <http://www.nctm.org/Grants/>

Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award: Deadline is June 1

Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) awards are given for "*exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth Sciences at the pre-college level.*" Any teacher or other K-12 educator who covers a significant amount of earth science content with their students is eligible. Ten national finalists are selected, one from each NAGT regional section. <http://nagt.org/nagt/awards/oest.html#nomination>

Project Learning Tree Green Works! Grant: Deadline is September 30

Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it? Grants are available in three award levels.

<https://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

School Garden Network: Deadline is March 15

Garden-Based Education Grant: This \$5,000 grant may be used for the salary of the Garden Education Coordinator, professional development for the Coordinator and other garden team members, and curriculum materials. Additional funding is provided for the Coordinator to attend the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center's School Garden Teacher Training Program.

Water-wise School Garden Mini Grant (grant cycle is ongoing): This grant program is a new collaboration between SGN and Harmony Farm Supply. Eligible SGN member schools will receive a free irrigation design, installation support and up to \$400 in funding for a drip irrigation system.
<http://schoolgardens.org/>

Target Educational Grants

Throughout the year, Target provides education grants to local K-12 schools to support educational field trips, early childhood reading programs, and participation in the arts.

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants>

The Donald Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant: deadline is October 1

The Herb Society of America will award indoor window sill herb gardens to four schools (**grades 3 - 6**) each year. The classrooms selected will receive three (3) windowsill herb garden kits including pots, soil, seeds and educational materials to use in the classroom. The Herb Society of America will provide the educational materials. The Society will also select five schools/classrooms to receive \$200 "Seed Money" to establish an outdoor herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc. The school may need to seek additional funding and support from other sources. <http://www.herbsociety.org/support/grants-scholarships/grant-details.html>

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching: deadline in April
PAEMST are the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science (including computer science). Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Each awardee receives a certificate signed by the President of the United States and a \$10,000 award from NSF.

<https://www.paemst.org/>

Toolbox for Education: deadline is October 15

Apply for a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean up type projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Please note the grant money cannot be used to pay for memorials stipends, salaries, artists in residence, field trips, scholarships, or third party funding. Only 10% of any award granted can be used toward outside resources such as labor, installation, consultation and delivery.

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

Westar STEM Grant

The Westar Energy Foundation supports programs and encourages youth to stay in school and develop to their full potential, promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, develop workforce skills and enhance personal development to successfully participate in our society and improve the communities in which they live. One \$3000 and five \$1000 STEM Grants support K-12 teachers and schools in their efforts to develop, improve or expand innovative instructional programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

<https://www.westarenergy.com/stem-program>

Wild Ones Grant: Deadline is October 15

From nature trails to wildflower preserves, Seeds for Education offers grants up to \$500 for projects that enhance schoolyards and provide hands-on learning opportunities in biology, ecology, and earth science.

<http://www.wildones.org/seeds-for-education/>

Youth Garden Grant

Since 1982 our Youth Garden Grants have reached over 1.3 million students and hundreds of schools to establish new school and community gardens and assist in sustaining and renewing existing gardens. Grants are awarded on a yearly basis. Our Request for Applications is usually issued each fall with awards made early the following year, in time for building and planting in the spring. <http://grants.kidsgardening.org/>