

# GRANT NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTED GRANTS

### Innovations in Education Grants

Deadline: March 30, 2009

Source: Hewlett-Packard

Web Site: [www.grantwrangler.com/GrantManager/templates/?a=688&z=0](http://www.grantwrangler.com/GrantManager/templates/?a=688&z=0)

The 2009 HP Innovations in Education grants enable school districts to launch pilot initiatives that support teachers responsible for student success in math and science in middle or high schools. Each 2009 HP Innovation in Education award will support a district team of 4 administrators and 8 secondary school teachers to conduct pilot projects at 1 or 2 school sites. The grant includes several elements: technology for each of the 8 participating teachers, HP virtual training room, team project implementation and evaluation, individualized development plans, electronic portfolios, HP mobile calculating lab workshop, participation in the 2010 NECC conference, and over \$14,500 in cash grants.

### \$2,500 Technology Vouchers

Deadline: April 1, 2009

Web Site: <http://ideas.edresources.com/>

Educational Resources is offering \$2,500 technology vouchers to two schools that can demonstrate how they are implementing technology for the advancement of student learning. Entrants must submit an essay detailing the technology used, how it is utilized, and how it has impacted student achievement. Winners will be announced at the National Education Computing Conference (NECC) 2009 in Washington DC.

### Jordan Innovation Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2009

Web Site: [www.nike.com/jumpman23/features/fundamentals/overview.html](http://www.nike.com/jumpman23/features/fundamentals/overview.html)

The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program was created out of the belief that education is the key to opportunity and to building commitment among students. Grants averaging \$2,500 will be given to individual teachers for projects that will impact classroom innovation and improve instruction.

## STUDENT / TEACHER AWARDS

### History Uncovered Competition

Deadline: March 30, 2009

Web Site: [www.abc-clio.com/historyuncovered/](http://www.abc-clio.com/historyuncovered/)

ABC-CLIO, publisher of history reference and research resources, is sponsoring the first annual History Uncovered Competition, which enables teams of secondary school students, their social studies teachers, and school library-media specialists to participate in a competitive endeavor that emphasizes research skills and historical and critical thinking. Winning teams will be awarded digital whiteboards for their schools, subscriptions to ABC-CLIO's history databases, and cash awards for students and their schools. Each month, there will be a drawing for \$500 gift certificates for ABC-CLIO reference works in print, awarded to two school sites whose teams' entries are drawn at random from among all submissions received to date.

### Do Something Award

Deadline: March 1, 2009

Web Site: [www.dosomething.org/programs/awards\\_guidelines](http://www.dosomething.org/programs/awards_guidelines)

The Do something Award is for young people changing the world. Eligible applicants must be 25 years old or younger, have identified a problem in their community and ways to combat it. Five winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships. Of those five winners, one will be selected as the grand prize winner and receive a total of \$100,000 towards their cause or organization.

### Ultimate Cool School Science Day Sweepstakes

Deadline: March 2, 2009

Web Site: <http://siemensscienceday.discoveryeducation.com/>

Elementary school educators (K-6) are encouraged to enter the Ultimate Cool School Science Day Sweepstakes, sponsored by the Siemens Foundation and Discovery Education. The winning teacher will win an assembly for his or her school that is not only fun and interactive, but also underscores the importance of science literacy and the need for science resources in schools. Discovery Networks will present the assembly, which will consist of videos, mind benders, and interactive demonstrations.

# Grant Writing Tips

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- o Use the same terms in your proposal that the foundation used to describe what they want to fund. Buzz phrases push important buttons. If they tell you what to tell them: listen! If an RFP says they don't fund technology grants, don't use the word technology. Find other words to express your project, ideally taken directly from the RFP guidelines.
- o Use a catchy name and have it be descriptive of the project. First impressions and a memorable theme and name are important! Remember grantors will want to promote your project proudly as one of their great projects.
- o Get to know individuals who have worked with the foundations to which you're applying. Talk to foundation personnel as much as is politely possible. Typically, little suggestions, and hints, you'll pick up, even from a phone conversation, will make major differences in the final form and focus of your proposal. The more personal contacts you make, the better for you. Foundations appreciate those who take the time to gather all the facts, and they might even recognize your name when your proposal comes up for review. Pay careful attention on what to emphasize and what to tone down.

## In The News

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### **Obama stimulus package promises upgrade money for school facilities**

The incoming Obama administration has promised an economic stimulus package that would include money for badly needed public school upgrades. Critics say that if an infusion of federal dollars depends on matching funds from states and municipalities, the support may not be sufficient.

No matter how much the federal government plans to direct toward improving public schools, much will depend on local and state governments providing matching funds. With the economic downturn hitting states and cities badly, there may not be enough matching funds to guarantee receipt of federal funds to improve schools.

This is something to definitely keep an eye on and more of a reason to search for any and all available grants.

## Available Resources

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For more available grants in all educational categories, check out the following websites:

[www.grantwrangler.com/](http://www.grantwrangler.com/)

[www.grantsalert.com](http://www.grantsalert.com)

[www.fundsnet services.com](http://www.fundsnet services.com)

[www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/archives/grants.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/archives/grants.shtml)

<http://megs.mde.state.mi.us/megsweb/grantsavailable.aspx>

[www.technologygrantnews.com/grant-index-by-type/educational-technology-grants.html](http://www.technologygrantnews.com/grant-index-by-type/educational-technology-grants.html)

[www.teacherscount.org/teacher/grants.shtml](http://www.teacherscount.org/teacher/grants.shtml)

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

[www.publiceducation.org/newsblastgrants.asp](http://www.publiceducation.org/newsblastgrants.asp)