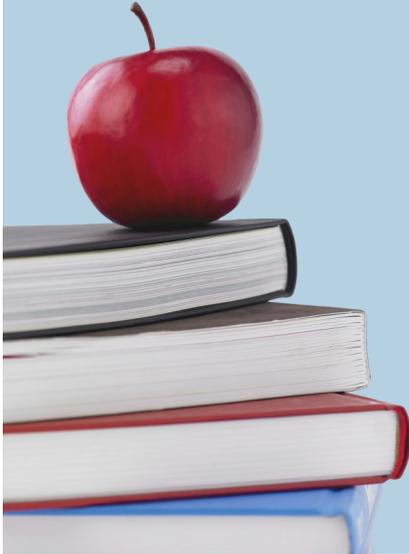


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LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT

The Laura Bush Foundation awards grants to the nation's neediest kindergarten through grade 12 schools to update, extend, and diversify the book and print collections of their libraries. The foundation aims to encourage students to develop a love of reading and learning.

Eligible schools must have an existing school library with a paid librarian to carry out day-to-day operation and oversight. Classrooms, classroom sets of books, collections of books stored in closets, or collections of books on rolling carts do not qualify as school libraries. During the time of application, 85 percent or more of the student body must qualify for free or reduced lunch. Schools must be operation for a minimum of one year prior to submitting an application. Applications must be submitted online.

Grants up to \$7,000 are awarded.

Due Date: December 14, 2015

Website: <http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/how-to-apply/index.html>



THE LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION
FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

2016 MLK DAY MINI-GRANTS

The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) is awarding mini-grants to Michigan organizations who wish to host volunteer projects as part of the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service. MLK National Day of Service mini grants are intended to encourage volunteer projects that address at least one of the eight MCSC focus areas including: Health, Education Economic Opportunity, Supporting Veterans and Military Families, Public Safety, Disaster Preparedness, Hunger & Homelessness & Clean Energy & Environmental Stewardship.



National service grantees, volunteer centers, nonprofits, K-12 and higher education institutions are eligible to apply. Grants are available for:

\$500-Engage 100 or more volunteers

\$250-Engage at least 35 volunteers

\$100-Engage at least 15 volunteers

Due Date: December 11, 2015

Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/>

IONIA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ionia County Community Foundation is currently accepting grant applications for 2016. The Ionia County Community Foundation gives priority to projects that address the areas of arts & culture, community development, education, environment, health, or social needs and that:



- Represent an innovative, start-up effort or are capital in nature (e.g., construction, renovation, equipment)
- Promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
- Obtain the necessary additional funding to implement and maintain the project
- Are located in the Ionia County area
- Strengthen or improve agency self-sufficiency or efficiency
- Yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested
- Serve a broad segment of the community
- Encourage additional and permanent funding or matching gifts from other donors
- Are from organizations with a current 501(c)(3) nonprofit status or a government agency

Due Date: December 30, 2015

Website: <http://www.grfoundation.org/ionia>



BOWLING FOUNDATION



The Bowling Foundation's Youth Bowler's Ed In-School program is open for

applications. This program provides opportunities to teach students the sport of bowling with instructional curriculum and equipment available to use in school or other facilities.

Public or private educational institutions, grades K-8; or 501(c) 3 non-profit organizations serving youth in grades K - 8 are eligible to apply. An organization or school is eligible to receive funding once every three years.

Grants awarded will be in the form of bowling equipment, (bowling lane carpets, balls, and pins, with teaching curriculum) to be given to the school or organization. Grant recipients will be notified by January 15th.

Due Date: December 31, 2015
Website: [BowlersEd/Grants/
NewGrants/
IBCYouthEquip-
mentGrantApplicationInterac
tiveForm2015.pdf](http://BowlersEd/Grants/NewGrants/IBCYouthEquipmentGrantApplicationInteractiveForm2015.pdf)





KATIE'S KROPS GRANT

Katie's Krops is excited to offer grants to youth between the ages of 9 and 16 in the United States to start vegetable gardens with the harvest donated to feed people in need. The winners will be awarded a gift card to a garden center in their area (up to \$500), support from Katie's Krops, and a digital camera to document the garden and the harvest.

The mission of Katie's Krops is to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and to donate the harvest to help feed people in need, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same. The vision of Katie's Krops is to empower youth to grow a healthy solution to hunger. Applications for all types of vegetable gardens, such as a container garden if you live in a city, or a vegetable garden located in your neighborhood or at your school, will be considered.

Due Date: December 31, 2015
Website: <http://katieskrops.com/apply-for-a-grant.html>



YOUTH SERVICE OF AMERICA AND SODEXO



Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants of \$400 grants are

available for youth-led service projects that bring together young people, families, Sodexo employees and other community members to address childhood hunger.

U.S. young people, ages 5-25, are eligible to apply. Projects should take place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2016.

Due Date: January 15, 2016
Website: <http://www.ysa.org/sodexoyouth>

CAPTAIN PLANET FOUNDATION



Captain Planet Foundation will accept small grant requests for amounts between \$500 - \$2,500. All proposed activities must be project-based, projects must be performed by youth; and projects must have real environmental outcomes.

The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. International requests are also accepted, with preference given to international projects that have U.S.-based partners. Preferential consideration is given to requests who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their projects.

Due Date: January 31, 2016
Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>





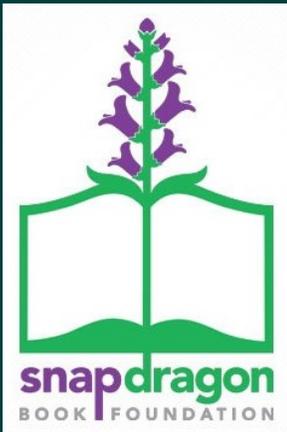
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IM Kids 3rd Meal needs the communities help to “Fill A Bag” this holiday season.

December 1st - 18th the Ionia County and Montcalm Area Intermediate School Districts will have IM Kids 3rd Meal *reusable grocery bags* available to pick up, normal business hours. Inside each bag there will be a *wish list* of items that IM Kids 3rd Meal needs the most.

Simply go shopping and return the filled bag to the Ionia ISD, Montcalm ISD or to the H.O. Steele Education Center. Every item donated gets used to provide meals to food insecure elementary school students in Ionia and Montcalm Counties.

SNAPDRAGON BOOK FOUNDATION



The Snapdragon Book Foundation provides funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. Grant funding is to be spent on traditional books, as well as processing fees (e.g. barcoding, spine labels, etc.). Other media, such as posters, arts and crafts supplies, software, hardware, or online databases, is not eligible. Projects that include significant technology are not likely to be funded unless they express a strong connection to the mission of the organization.

Grants are awarded to public, private, charter, and Pre-K through grade 12 schools. Applications must be submitted online through the application form available on the foundation website. Awards range from \$1,500 to over \$15,000. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) has some helpful information for preparing your grant application.

Due Date: Applications are accepted January through April. Please see the application for the precise deadline. It changes slightly each year according to the calendar.

Website: <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/#/apply>



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