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Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama



The Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama is a philanthropic fund that supports production based theatre arts programs at the elementary school level. Grants are made on a rolling basis, beginning in August of each school year, and we make every effort to make a decision on applications as quickly as possible. If we receive your application after the fund for that year is exhausted, we will invite you to reapply for the following year. Average grant size is \$300. It is a quick and simple application to complete.

Due Date: Ongoing

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/mainpages/foundation/Lovett%20Fund.html>

DOLLAR GENERAL SUMMER READING GRANTS

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Summer Reading Grants provide funding to local nonprofit organizations including schools and libraries to help with the implementation or expansion of summer reading programs. Programs must target prekindergarten through grade 12 students who are new readers, below grade level readers, or readers with learning disabilities.



Grants up to \$1,000 are awarded. The 2016 Summer Reading Grant applications will be available January 2016.

Due Date: Applications are anticipated to be due in February of 2016. Check the website in early 2016 for the exact deadline. The application will be available January 2016.

Website: http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx#summer_reading

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION

The American Honda Foundation supports education with a specific focus on the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the environment; job training; and literacy. It 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, scientific, humanistic, and innovative.

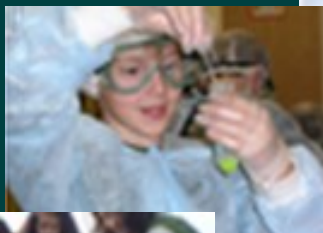
The foundation seeks proposals from programs that have a well-defined sense of purpose, a commitment to making the best use of available resources, a reputation for accomplishing their objectives, innovative and creative methods, a broad scope, a high potential for success, dedication to improving the human condition of all mankind, financial and administrative soundness, and an urgent need of funding from a priority basis.

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) public charities, public school districts, and private and public elementary and secondary schools with a program focused on youth ages birth to 21 and scientific education. Applications must be submitted online and are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Awards range from \$20,000 to \$75,000 over a one-year period.

Due Date: Applications are due **February 1**, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

Website: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>



TOSHIBA AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM FOR 6-12 SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATORS

Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. The foundation seeks to support teachers by providing funds to support classroom projects. The foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Successful projects tap into the natural curiosity of students, enable students to frame their own scientific questions, and incorporate the expertise of community partners. Applications must be for project-based learning.

Science and mathematics teachers in public or private (nonprofit) schools may apply for grants to support classroom science and mathematics education, and increase their engagement with the subject matter and improve their learning. Summer programs, after-school projects, and independent study projects are not eligible for funding. In addition, requests solely for computers are not considered.

Grants are accepted year-around with grants of \$5000 or more due either on August 1 or February 1.

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Due Date: Grades 6 through 12 applications are accepted year-round. Requests for grants of more than \$5,000 are due August 1 and **February 1**, annually.
Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>



FINISH LINE FOUNDATION

Finish Line Youth Foundation directs funding to organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas:

- Youth athletic programs: community-based programs addressing active lifestyle and team-building skills.
- Camps: established camps with an emphasis on sports and active lifestyle, especially programs serving disadvantaged and special needs children.

The foundation may provide financial support for programs and projects that focus on youth programming, and full or partial scholarship funds for camps or youth athletic programs.

The foundation is particularly interested in: organizations providing opportunities for participation of children and young adults age 18 and under; organizations whose activities provide direct services to individuals and produce tangible results, the potential impact of the program/project and the number of people who will benefit; the

organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications; the ability of an organization to obtain the necessary additional funding to implement a program or project, and to provide ongoing funding after the term of the grant has expired; and programs operating near Finish Line stores.

Grants awarded range from \$1000-\$5000.

Due Date: Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis over the following periods: **January 1 through March 31**, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and October 1 through December 31.

Website: <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

PATHWAY TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS GRANTS

The Pathway to Financial Success grant program from Discover is designed to help high schools bring financial literacy programs in the classroom. You should consider applying if you have a plan for a financial learning program, strategies to measure learning outcomes, and are willing to share your results. Funding is available for schools that plan to incorporate their own or third-party financial literacy curricula.

Grants vary by project; funding is available to implement a new program or enhance an existing one, provide training for educators, or gain access to learning materials.

Due Date: Ongoing
Website: <http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org/apply-for-a-grant/>



Pathway to
Financial Success



START A SNOWBALL, INC.



Start a Snowball, Inc. is dedicated to encouraging and inspiring kids of all ages to engage in philanthropic and community service activities. They believe that even just one child with the right intentions and support can start a project that seems small in the beginning and eventually grows or “snowballs” into something that inspires an entire community with widespread benefits to the world around them.

In order to help kids kick off their philanthropy efforts, we offer funding to act as “seed money” of up to \$100 for projects taken on by individuals or organizations. As you are planning your project please keep the following things in mind:

- Any youth (ages 5-18) led project that does good is eligible for a grant.
- They do ask that the grant recipient fill out a brief follow up form describing the outcome of their project after receiving their grant. This will allow us to share their story and inspire others to take action.
- They do not want to give directly to a collection fund. It is wonderful to collect money for a cause you are passionate about, so tell us how you can use our grant to collect even more money.
- We do not give to:
 - Support fundraisers for sports teams, unless it is serving an underserved or disadvantaged group
 - Projects that are discriminatory
 - Projects that are political in nature

Start A Snowball, Inc. will review the application and notify the applicant of its decision in around 1-2 weeks from the date of submission of the application.

Due Date: Ongoing

Website: <http://startasnowball.com/philanthropic-grant-for-kids/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IM Kids 3rd Meal is committed to ending childhood hunger in Ionia and Montcalm counties.

The Ionia Knights of Columbus are hosting a spaghetti dinner on January 14th from 4:30 - 7 PM at St. Peter & Pauls School Cafeteria, Ionia.

\$5 per person at the door. Children under 4 years old eat free with an adult. Cost per family is not to exceed \$25. All proceeds go towards IM Kids 3rd Meal.



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