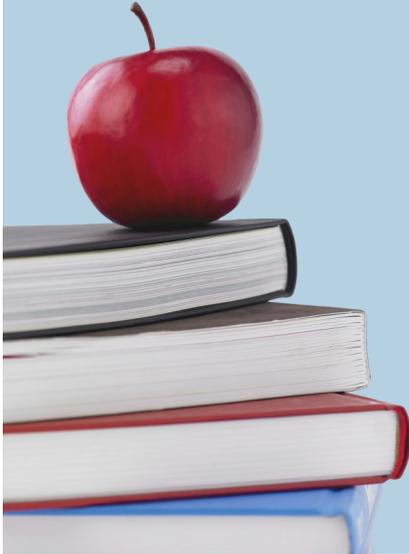


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KARMA FOR CARA FOUNDATION

As part of our efforts to support youth volunteerism, the foundation started a micro-grant program in fall 2014. We are encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. Whether it is turning a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground or helping senior citizens get their homes ready for winter, we want to hear what project you're passionate about.

All micro-grant applications should be submitted to info@karmaforcara.org. Applicants will be accepted on an on-going basis.

Due Date:

Ongoing

Website:

<http://karmaforcara.org/get-involved/apply-for-a-microgrant/>



DTE ENERGY FOUNDATION

The DTE Energy Foundation offers support to programs that increase the number of college undergraduates entering the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, thereby expanding the STEM workforce pipeline.

Priority will be given to kindergarten through 12 programs that:

- Demonstrate proven effectiveness with increasing the number of college undergraduates in the STEM disciplines.
- Provide an opportunity to improve skills in more than one STEM discipline.
- Target high school-aged children.
- Provide programs in underserved communities of DTE Energy's service area. Locations are available on the website.
- Serve a large number of students including district-wide and multiple cities.

Academic tutorial and enhancement programs that advance student achievement must be part of the organization's core mission. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) organizations located in or providing services to a community in which DTE Energy does business. There are three separate applications for foundation grants based on the amount an applicant is requesting for funding. The foundation meets quarterly to review applications. Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000 and greater. The larger the amount the longer the review period.

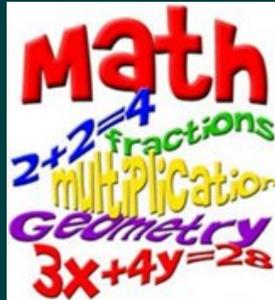
Due Date: Applications for the fourth quarter are accepted October 19 through October 30, 2015.

Website: www.dteenergy.com/foundation



EMERGING TEACHER-LEADERS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRANTS FOR GRADES PREK-5 TEACHERS

The purpose of this grant is to increase the mathematics content knowledge of one elementary school teacher who has a demonstrated commitment to mathematics teaching and learning. The applicant must have the support of the school principal in becoming a mathematics teacher-leader within her/his school or district. Only one teacher per school may receive the award. The desired outcome of the funded project is the development of an elementary school mathematics teacher with mathematics content expertise.



The grant recipient will be expected to provide ongoing professional development to teachers within the school or district to strengthen their mathematical understandings and instructional practices. The professional development must include sustained in-service programs focusing on improving the content knowledge of the elementary teachers within the school or district and working with teachers in their classrooms through demonstration teaching or co-teaching. The applicant will be expected to select, in collaboration with the school principal and other teachers, specific mathematics content aligned with the Content Standards of Principles and Standards for School Mathematics (NCTM 2000) and develop expertise in this mathematics content. Grants up to \$6,000 are awarded.

Eligible applicants are National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) members or teach at a school with a NCTM prekindergarten through grade 8 membership. Applicants must have three years of teaching experience and have mathematics as a regular teaching responsibility. Applications must be submitted by postal mail.

Due Date: November 6, 2015

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Emerging-Teacher-Leaders-in-Elementary-School-Mathematics-Grants/>



USING MUSIC TO TEACH MATHEMATICS GRANTS



The purpose of this grant is to incorporate music into the elementary school classroom to help young students learn mathematics. Grants are awarded to those currently teaching mathematics in pre-kindergarten through grade 2. This award is for individual classroom teachers or small groups of teachers collaborating in one grade or across grade levels. Any acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan, but not be the primary focus of the grant. Proposals must address the following: the combining of mathematics and music, the plan for improving students' learning of mathematics, and the anticipated impact on students' achievement. Grants up to \$3,000 are awarded.

Eligible applicants teach mathematics or collaborate with teachers of mathematics in pre-kindergarten through grade 2. Applicants must be current members of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) or teach in a school with a current NCTM membership. Applications must be submitted by postal mail.

Due Date: November 6, 2015

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/Grants-and-Awards/grants/Using-Music-to-Teach-Mathematics-Grants/>



PROTECT OUR WINTER



The mission of Hot Planet / Cool Athletes is to ensure the next generation is educated and energized to lead the fight against climate change. In partnership with The North Face,

Clif Bar and MEC, this program leverages the power of pro athletes to inspire the next generation to protect the places we love to play. This impactful multi media event provides a platform for athletes to share their experiences witnessing climate change first hand, while educating students with the latest climate science. Ending with an inspirational call to action and the opportunity for students to win a Powder Grant for their school to bring their best climate-fighting ideas to life.

The program encourages you to look at ways to make an impact in your school or community, taking serious action against climate change. Whether it's building a recycling or composting program, a clean energy initiative or a developing plan to encourage your local elected officials to support clean energy, the sky is the limit. Carefully review the terms and submit your proposals by the respective due date. Grants are \$5000. In addition to the winning grants, at the end of the year, we'll choose a representative from the top two winning proposals to join us in Washington D.C. to share your projects with your Congressman and other elected officials.

Due Date: January 16, 2016

Website: <http://hotplanetcoolathletes.com/>

PROJECT PRODUCE

The Chef Ann Foundation has teamed up with Skoop, a superfoods company committed to bringing the health benefits of superfoods to every American. Together we have launched Project Produce. These \$2,500 grants assist you in expanding your students' palates, and encouraging increased consumption of and exposure to fresh produce through engagement in lunchroom education activities that encourage students to taste new vegetables and fruits offered either in a dish, cooked, or raw. The goal is to provide funds to support the food cost of these activities which are designed to touch every child. Offering these events to all kids whether they bring or buy lunch requires additional funds. Grants can help you fill that gap.



Any district or independent school participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is eligible to apply.

Due Date: Rolling

Website: <http://www.chefannfoundation.org/programs/project-produce>

THE SHELL SCIENCE LAB CHALLENGE

Shell and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) have partnered to recognize outstanding middle and high school programs for their exemplary approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources.

The Shell Science Lab Challenge will showcase the work of teachers, representing their schools, who submit innovative, replicable strategies to deliver quality lab experiences with limited equipment/resources, and award teachers/schools with additional tools, resources, and rich professional development opportunities needed to support high-quality science teaching and strengthen their existing capabilities.

Applicants may be individual teachers or teams of teachers of science in grades 6-12, in the United States and Canada, representing their schools. A teacher is limited to one application per year (whether submitting as an individual or team applicant). A school may submit an unlimited number of applications.

Grant awards range from \$3000 to \$20,000.

Due Date: December 16, 2015

Website: <http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>



Shell Science Lab Challenge



LILY GRACE FOUNDATION

Grants provide support for teacher-initiated projects that foster an Arts-Infused approach to Inquiry Based Learning and emphasize a holistic methodology that addresses all learners through creativity and the incorporation of the arts as a fundamental tool for learning.



Any definition of art is subjective, but the Arts can include a wide variety of subjects, fields and activities that encompass creativity. Here are a few examples to get you started: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Dance, Filmmaking, Photography, Robotics, Theater, Writing, 3-D Printing, Performance, Software Development and more.

Lily Sarah Grace Grants incorporate the 5 C's of Inquiry Based Learning as guidelines for supporting projects, teachers and students dedicated to creative, inclusive education. Grant awards are \$450.

Due Date: Rolling

Website: <http://lilysarahgrace.org/grants>

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Ionia County Youth Advisory Council is a student driven group that strives to both initiate a change in youth habits and attitudes to improve our schools and communities, utilizing service-learning and funding of projects that address local youth issues.

YAC is hosting the *5th Annual Strive 2 Arrive Alive Teen Driver Safety Conference* on October 14th, 2015 at Celebration! Cinema Grand Rapids North & IMAX. This event is open to high school students across the state of Michigan. To register your school, go to www.ioniaisd.org and to conference registration.

Support the YAC and their efforts by ordering or eating at the Ionia Pizza Hut on **October 26th.**



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