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How can I use this e-letter?

1. Just read through, for ways to grow your organization, or make it stronger, or **find more grants**.
2. Register, and complete our survey, so that we know what topics you would like us to address.
<http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/subscribe.html>
3. Email us with special requests. uofbci@utah.gov



Do you guarantee all information?

Nope. We try to report as accurately as humanly possible, but can't be responsible for things like information on other websites, and changes, discrepancies etc. do happen. Read the disclaimer at the end of this letter. The object is **to save you time** on first-sweep research, so that you have more time to do good things, and also to assist you in **accessing funding** for good works.



What is included in the letter?

It's all based on what nonprofits said they needed, and are saying they need. Basically, what we heard was that it was hard for each organization to devote manpower to researching grants and the data and best practices information needed to win them. We also heard that not all of you have big bucks for training, but are interested in high quality experiences for little or no registration fees. Tips and news were also requested. For specifics of what's in each e-letter, Read On.

Here are the descriptions and topics; scroll down for More.

A. TIPS

Here, we pass on timely tips for your organization, and sometimes mini-lessons. Please contribute tips you want to share at uofbci@utah.gov.

In this issue:

IRS 990 Form Changes
End of Fiscal Year
Volunteer Management
Financial Planning/Education
Fundraising

B. NEWS

The news here is of importance to the nonprofit world, especially in Utah. What are the trends? Who is supporting the work that is important to your organization? Some of that information is here. You can scan below to get a view, and click the link for the whole story.

In this issue:

Utah Gives
Health Care
Student Loans

C. FUNDING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

This is an annotated list of some of the best currently available grants and resources. Scan through, to see if there is one that will enrich your organization.

What is in today's list?

Cash grants
BACK TO SCHOOL –
Many grants this time to support your favorite school or after school program
Plus
Photography
Social Science Research
Job Skills
Hunger

D. AWARDS & HONORS

Does your organization deserve recognition? How about individuals who have contributed much? Some opportunities listed in this section will also bring cash awards, trips, publicity that will feed your cause, or free consultation services.

In this issue:

Leaders in Disability Assistance
Humanitarian
Teaching of Mathematics

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES

In this section, you will find reports and data that inform your work, but that also provide the hard data needed in writing winning grant proposals. A quick read here will let you know the gist of the report, and links take you to where you can download free. Many nonprofit leaders cut and paste to a word processor file the notes on reports that interest them, for quick access. Or, they simply save the entire pdf.

In this issue:

Immigrant Children
Child Well-Being Index
Drug Abuse
Disabilities

F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and for customers

We search for you for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at uofbci@utah.gov.

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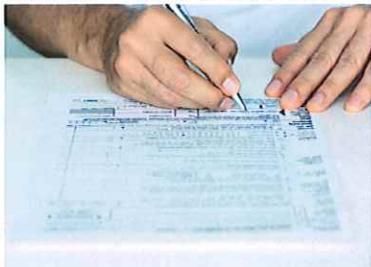
Homelessness
Hunger in Utah
Crime Prevention

Now, the nitty gritty—plus links.

A. Tips

(Timely tips, and sometimes mini-lessons.)

CHANGES TO IRS 990 FORM



The US Internal Revenue Service has redesigned Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax*, to be filed beginning with 2008 tax years (2009 filing season). The IRS released for public comments a draft version of instructions earlier this spring. Revisions to the draft instructions have been completed, and the IRS expects to post the revised instructions on its web site in the next few weeks. <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=185428,00.html>

END OF FISCAL YEAR

As we approach the end of the federal fiscal year, be especially vigilant for grant money from federal agencies. Some may have funds that were planned for something else, but are suddenly available. This may require quick turn-around between the time you get the RFP, and the time you have to have your proposal in, so get all your preliminary work done early—know the vacation schedules of your key people, write sample needs statements and logic models, gather data including past two years budgets and lists of moneys and in-kind resources available for match, make sure you are all set with Grants.gov http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp to apply (with DUNS, CCR's and other elements current and appropriate free software installed), review planning with your board so you know what they will support, make lists of historic and recent accomplishments and capacity, etc.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

The Corporation for National Service's Resource Center, found at <http://nationalserviceresources.org/via2008> will help nonprofits, cities and others who manage volunteers to strengthen their recruitment and retention strategies. You will also be able to find effective practices, tip sheets and other resources about volunteerism and cost-savings strategies for your organization or for the prospective volunteer.

FINANCIAL PLANNING / EDUCATION

If you are helping customers to plan their retirement, or are anticipating retirement yourself, Social Security Administration has a new, updated online social security benefit calculator:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator/>



FUNDRAISING

National Wildlife Federation's guide to **fundraising for school yard habitats**:

http://web.archive.org/web/20040717043410/http://www.nwf.org/schoolyardhabitats/pdfs/syh_fundraising_infosheet.pdf

The Federation's page on connecting kids to nature:

<http://www.nwf.org/playandobserve/>

TOOL KIT FOR FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

An online resource with helpful links, tools, and information for faith-based and community organizations—includes guidebooks and other resources on grant acquisition and management, capacity building, tools for partnering, assistance in finding resources, and best practices, as well as useful links. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf/resources/toolkit.html>

B. News (Nonprofit news for Utah.)

Click link for the whole story.

UTAH GIVING

Across the country, charities are seeing dips in contributions. But the Deseret News reports that Utahns are still giving—to the point that some Utah organizations say they are better off than last year. This is welcome news, as many of these charities are seeing much heavier requests than last year, and anticipate that this will increase with winter. For the Deseret News story, go to <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700251685,00.html>

HEALTH CARE / AIDS

Citing new data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) indicating that the AIDS epidemic in the United States has been underestimated by 40 percent, former President Bill Clinton said his foundation will direct new attention to the disease at home, particularly among African Americans, the *Washington Post* reports.



STUDENT LOANS

The number of private lenders interested in giving student loans is shrinking, so the state of Utah is stepping in. For the first time, the state of Utah has begun originating student loans, in an effort to ensure that any Utah college student who needs financial assistance can get it, although it will cost more.

According to the Salt Lake Tribune, the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA), the agency that oversees financial aid to Utah students, is bracing for loan applications worth \$100 million this academic year after big banks all but abandoned the federally guaranteed loan program. Read more at: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_10212828

C. FUNDING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

(Annotated list of some currently available grants and resources.)

CASH GRANTS

US Bank offers cash grants to nonprofits working in the priority areas of affordable housing and economic opportunity, education, artistic and cultural enrichment, and support for United Way. Unlike most grantors, US Bank will entertain requests for M & O, capital expenses, program funding, project funding—and other.

Deadlines: for Salt Lake, the last business day in September, March and July; for St. George, October 1.

Contact: http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving.cfm

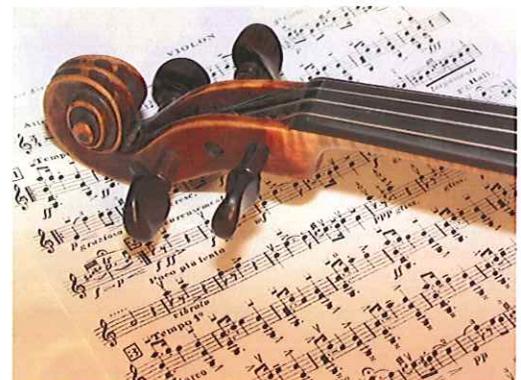
CHILDREN AND YOUTH / MUSIC

The MusicLink® Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides long-term musical training and opportunities to promising students in financial need across the country. Nominated students who meet MusicLink eligibility criteria are linked with professional music teachers who provide ongoing partial to full scholarship lessons for as long as the child wishes to learn.

Students receiving scholarships:

- range from preschool age to seniors in high school
- show potential in music and interest in music lessons
- have financial need as shown by one of the following:
 - family is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program
 - family income is less than \$35,000 for a family of four
 - other financial circumstances show indication of need

Teachers who nominate students must notify the students



and parents/guardians of the nomination. Be sure to tell them that a MusicLink representative will be contacting them soon.

Contact: <http://www.musiclinkfoundation.org/>

TEACHERS / ARTS HIGH SCHOOLS

The [Surdna Foundation](#) has announced the ninth year of the Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship Program, a national initiative to support the artistic revitalization of outstanding arts teachers in public **arts** high schools.

The fellowship program will award twenty grants of up to \$5,500 each, with a complementary grant of \$1,500 to the fellow's school to support post-fellowship activities. Please note that teachers from high schools that are not arts-specialty schools are not eligible to apply even if those schools have an arts concentration.

Deadlines: Letter of Intent 4 p.m. November 4, 2008

Full Application (if selected as a finalist): February 6, 2009

Contact: http://www.surdna.org/resources/resources_show.htm?doc_id=697830

EDUCATION / ART AND MUSIC PROGRAMS / ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

AIRBORNE TEACHER TRUST: Although some of the web pages refer to 2006 and 2007, do not be discouraged by that or the fact that some pages load slowly. The Fund is alive and well, and applications are still being accepted. They are reviewed and awards are made periodically through the school year. And, Utah is one of the fifteen states eligible for the awards. Recent awards have been in the \$500 to \$6000 range. The application is user friendly, and not too long or complicated. <http://www.airbornetrust.com/>

EDUCATION / GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE / NASA

Grants totaling up to \$500,000 will be awarded to educational institutions or nonprofits working to improve education in global climate change and Earth system science at elementary, secondary, and undergraduate levels. The GCCE project considers proposals in three funding categories:

- Improve K-12 teacher competency for global climate change education;
- Strengthen the teaching and learning about global climate change within formal education systems; and/or
- Provide opportunities for undergraduate students, pre-service teachers, and/or in-service teachers to actively engage in global climate change science research.



Deadline: 8/29/08 (Notice of Intent)

Contact:

http://education.nasa.gov/ednews/nasaeducation/Education_News_Events_Collection_archive_1.html

FAMILY LITERACY



The [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#) has announced its 2009 national grant competition.

The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000.

In order to be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must meet the following criteria: the organization must have current nonprofit or public status and have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application; the organization must have maintained fiscal accountability; the organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-k to grade three, and intergenerational literacy activities (Parent and Child Together time or P.A.C.T. time).

Remember that FAMILY literacy has its own definition, and the grant readers will want you to know that and address the special elements inherent in family literacy:

- Reading instruction for parents or primary care-givers (pre-GED/GED/ESL etc.)
- literacy or pre-literacy instruction for children
- Intergenerational activities where the parents/primary caregivers and children come together to learn and to read.

Deadline: September 5, 2008

Contact: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH / SCHOOLS AND PARENT GROUPS

Twice a year, Lowe's opens its Toolbox for Education grant program. Parent organizations or schools can apply for \$2,000 to \$5,000 for projects. Those that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit are encouraged.

The grant program gives preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/clean-up projects.

The Fall 2008 deadline for submitting applications is October 17, 2008. However, if 1,500 applications are received before the application deadline, the application process will close.

Read the entire website—it is very helpful. It guides you through the grant application process, and gives ideas and samples for appropriate projects.

Contact: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

EDUCATION / TECHNOLOGY

The Best Buy Teach Award program recognizes creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. The purpose of the Best Buy Teach Award program is to reward schools for the successful interactive programs they have launched using **available** technology. Please do not be discouraged from applying if your school does not have the most current equipment. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. All awards are in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards.



Deadline: Applications must be completed and submitted online by 11:59 p.m. Eastern DST on **October 12, 2008.**

Contact: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

GRANTS TO TEACHERS

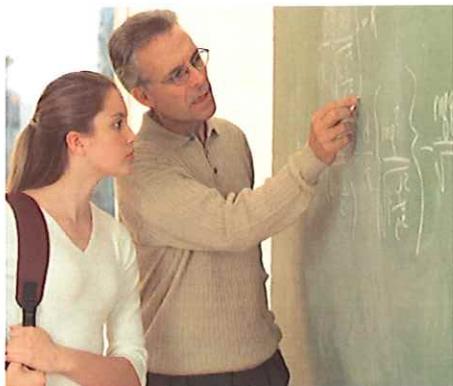
The School, Home, & Office Products Association [Kids In Need Foundation](#) offers Kids In Need Teacher Grants to provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. The Kids In Need Teacher Grants are funded by retail and education credit union sponsors.

Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500 each, and are used to finance creative classroom projects. Typically, two hundred to three hundred grants are awarded each year. Applications are judged on the basis of innovativeness and merit, clarity of objectives, replication feasibility, suitability of evaluation methods, and cost effectiveness. All certified K-12 teachers in the U.S. are eligible.

Deadline: September 30, 2008

Contact: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION



The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics offers an array of grants, scholarships and teacher awards on their website. For example, a grant of \$8,000 for materials and lessons will be awarded to an individual teacher or small group of teachers working to improve math achievement in a grade six through eight classes, with their Equity in Mathematics Grants.

Deadlines: (for most) November 14, 2008



Contact: <http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx>

NATURAL LANDSCAPE / SCHOOL GARDENS

Wild Ones' Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund will give grants of up to \$500 for the purchase of native plants and seeds to nonprofits, schools, and nature centers working to plant and maintain natural landscapes with native species.

Successful grants are eligible for partnership with SFE native plant nursery partners for discounts on seed, plants, etc.

Deadline: November 15, 2008

Contact: <http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html>

ENVIRONMENT / SCHOOLS



Awards of up to \$1,500 will be given by the Do Something Foundation to middle and high schools working to reduce the environmental impact of their school during an eight week competition where students will showcase how their school saved energy, reduced waste, and raised awareness.

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Contact: http://www.dosomething.org/increase_your_green

TECHNOLOGY / SCHOOLS

Samsung Essay Contest

Grants worth up to \$200,000 in cash, software, technology, and television programming will be awarded to K-12 schools in the United States; essay nominations about technology and the environment are welcome from all members of a school's community.

Deadline: August 31, 2008

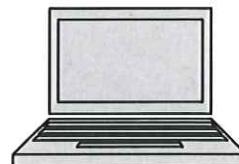
Contact: <http://www.hopeforeducation.com/>

TECHNOLOGY / CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOLS

Technology grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to rural public schools in areas served by the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunication Companies. OPASTCo members must nominate a school, and the school must be in a service area. In Utah, that would be in Fairview, Orangeville, and Roosevelt.

Deadline: September 13, 2008

Contact: <http://www.fred.org/tech.html>



HIGH SCHOOL / ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Grants and scholarships of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to teams of five to ten middle or high school students and one teacher-advisor working to address an environmental issue.

The Lexus Environmental Challenge has two distinct elements: standards-based supplementary educational materials and a contest to reward environmental action. The contest helps young people apply what they've learned in class through the program and empowers them to make improvements in their community by participating in any of the four environmental team challenges.

Deadline: Various

Contact: <http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>

JOB SKILLS and/or EDUCATION

Grants will be awarded by the Staples Foundation to nonprofits working to provide job skills and/or education for all people, with an emphasis on disadvantaged youth; public schools without 501(c)(3) status and organizations located in Alaska or Hawaii do not qualify.

Deadline: October 24, 2008 (Applications must be submitted between Oct. 10 and 24)

Contact: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>

PHOTOGRAPHY / SOCIAL ISSUES



The [Open Society Institute](#) invites photographers and artists to submit a proposal and completed body of work for consideration in the Moving Walls 16 group exhibition.

The exhibition series is intended to present an artistic interpretation of the obstacles — such as political oppression, economic instability, and racism — that society often erects, and the struggles to tear those barriers down. The Open Society Institute encourages photographers to submit documentary work of national or international subjects that coincide with the issues and geographical areas that are principally of

concern to OSI.

Upon selection, photographers must submit a budget proposal for printing, dry-mounting, and other production costs. Once the budget is approved, participants will be responsible for working within this budget and must use OSI-approved labs. OSI will then pay for standard framing and window matting. In addition, selected photographers will receive a \$1,500 royalty payment. When the show comes down, OSI will cover the costs of returning work (up to \$750 for photographers based in the United States and \$1,250 internationally).

Complete program guidelines are available at the Open Society Institute Web site, the [Moving Walls guidelines](#).

Contact: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/photography/news/mwcfp_20080807

YOUTH / RESEARCH ON SOCIAL SETTINGS AND IMPACTS

William T. Grant Foundation: Field-Initiated Grants

Grants will be awarded to individuals who are employed at a nonprofit in the United States or abroad and are researching social conditions that impact youth between the ages of 8 and 25. Applicant must address issues identified as a focus by the foundation.

Deadline: (Letters of Inquiry) September 3, 2008 ; January 8, 2009; April 1, 2009; and September 9, 2009.

Contact:

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646398

HUNGER

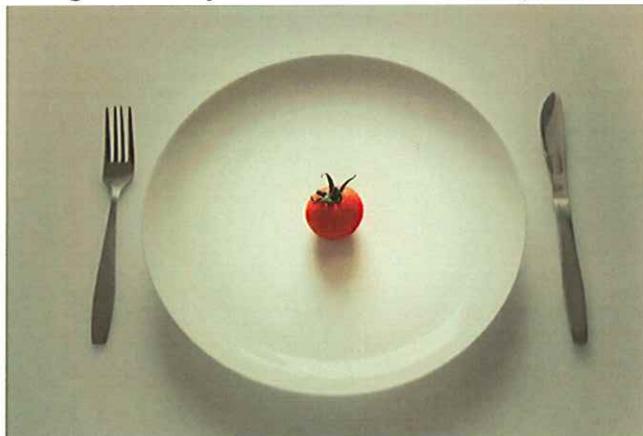
The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) Domestic Hunger Program provides relief and development assistance for those who suffer from hunger and injustices related to hunger in the United States.

The 2009 ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant Application is now available for download. Organizations may submit only one application per year and can be funded up to three consecutive years. Priority will be given to people with the least resources for meeting their basic needs, as well as women and children living in poverty.

In 2008, the program awarded more than three hundred discretionary domestic grants totaling \$787,600 in the areas of relief, development, organizing, and churchwide.

Visit the program's Web site for complete program guidelines, application instructions, and information about past recipients.

Contact: <http://archive.elca.org/grantinghope/applicationcriteria/>



D. AWARDS & HONORS

(Recognition—some with resources.)

THE AAPD HEARNE LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

In 2009, the American Association of People with Disabilities will once again recognize those outstanding individuals personifying leadership, advocacy, and dedication to and for the disability

community at large. Three individuals, who are emerging as leaders in the cross-disability civil rights movement, will each receive \$10,000 to help them continue their progress as leaders and further connect their work with the national grassroots of AAPD. The recipients of the 2009 Hearne Leadership Awards will also have an opportunity to meet and network with national disability leaders at the AAPD Leadership Gala in Washington, DC in March 2009. Residents of the U.S. with any type of disability are eligible to apply.

http://www.aapd-dc.org/awards/awards09/hearne_app09.html#app

WORLD CLASS HUMANITARIAN AWARD – WILL THE NEXT WINNER BE BASED (OR BRANCHED) IN UTAH?

This award is not for small organizations, but for charities that are changing the world.

The [Conrad N. Hilton Foundation](#) is seeking nominations for its 2009 Hilton Humanitarian Prize, the world's largest humanitarian award. The \$1.5 million award is presented annually to an organization anywhere in the world doing extraordinary work to alleviate human suffering.

The award is for organizations, not individuals. Nominees must be established, non-governmental, publicly supported charitable organizations. Nominees must be legally established for at least five years (established prior to 2004) in order to be considered. Nominees must have an operating budget (expenditure) greater than U.S. \$500,000.

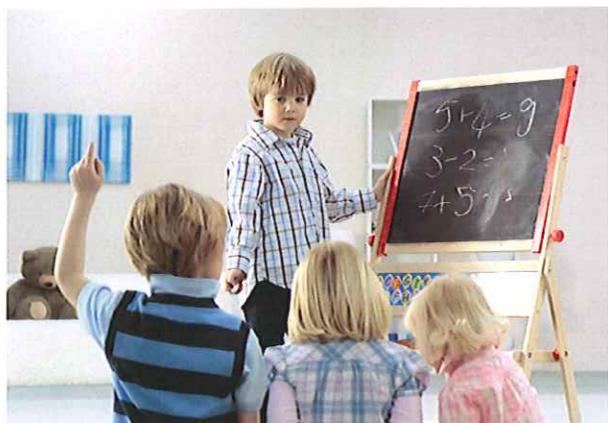
The nominator should have direct knowledge of the nominated organization's work, but may not be an officer or employee, or any other individual receiving remuneration for their services from the nominated organization. Board members may nominate providing they receive no payment for their service. The nominator may not be a family member of an officer or employee of the nominated organization.

Since the prize is not a grant, nomination material should emphasize the organization's accomplishments rather than future goals. Both historic and recent performance should be addressed. Visit the Hilton Foundation Web site for complete program information.

Deadline: November 3, 2008

Contact: <http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/main.asp?id=43&side=1>

MATHEMATICS EDUCATION



The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics offers teacher awards on their website.

Contact: <http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx>

TEACHER AWARDS

Scan for just the right award for your favorite teacher on TeachersCount.

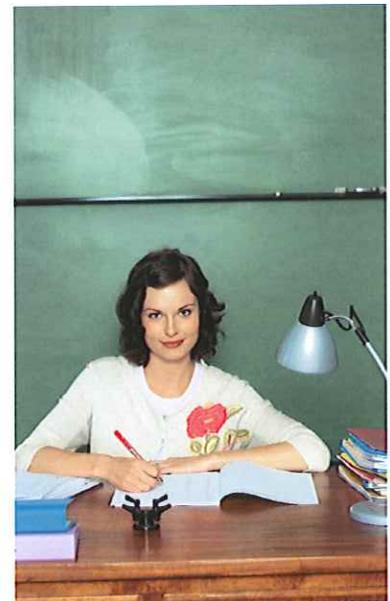
<http://www.teacherscount.org/teacher/awards.shtml>

MORE LINKS FOR TEACHER AWARDS

(Courtesy Disney Worldwide Outreach)

NOTE: While we usually check out each and every lead, we have not done that with these—this is just a good start for you. Click on those that look interesting and see what you find. Ah, adventure.

- [National Teachers Hall of Fame](#)
The Hall of Fame annually honors five teachers who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to teaching our nation's children.
- [Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching](#)
The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching was the idea of Golden Apple founder Martin J. "Mike" Koldyke, who felt that excellent teachers were not receiving adequate recognition for their important contribution to society.
- [Miliken Family Foundation-National Educator Awards](#)
The Miliken Family Foundation National Educator Award provides public recognition and an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education.
- [ING Unsung Heroes Award](#)
ING Unsung Heroes began 10 years ago as a way for ING to demonstrate its commitment to the education community. The awards are given to K-12 educators pioneering new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.
- [The NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence](#)
The NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence recognizes, rewards, and promotes excellence in teaching and advocacy for the profession. It honors public education and the dedicated members of the National Education Association (NEA).
- [American Stars of Teaching Award - US Department of Education](#)
American Stars recognizes and honors superior teachers with a track record of improving student achievement, using innovative instructional strategies, and making a difference in the lives of their students.
- [Phi Delta Kappa/Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Awards](#)
The Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year program is one of the largest teacher recognition programs in the country. Since its inception in 1995, the program has recognized more than 25,000 teachers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico and contributed more than \$19 million to those schools. The Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation partners with Phi Delta Kappa International, the world's leading education association, to implement this recognition program. In 2005, Wal-Mart donated more than \$4.1 million to local schools with winning teachers.



- [Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Awards](#)

*Same award as above, but on the Wal-Mart webpage

- [ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award \(OYEA\)](#)

ASCD, in our ongoing search for what works in schools, has decided to seek out, highlight, and celebrate the accomplishments of a young educator who achieves excellence and equity in teaching and learning.

- [CCSSO National Teacher of the Year](#)

The National Teacher of the Year is chosen from among the State Teachers of the Year by a national selection committee representing the major national education organizations. Each April, the National Teacher of the Year is introduced to the American people by the President of the United States. The National Teacher of the Year is released from classroom duties during the year of recognition to travel nationally and internationally as a spokesperson for the teaching profession.

*sponsored by ING and Scholastic

- [National Teacher Awards by Time Warner](#)

For 17 years, we have honored teachers from coast to coast with Time Warner Cable's National Teacher Awards, and we hope the winners will encourage others to follow their lead, bringing enrichment and innovation to our nation's classrooms.

Math, Science, Technology Teaching Awards

- [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#)

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the Nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. The Awards recognize highly qualified K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

- [Cable's Leader's in Learning Award](#)

The *Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards* is Cable in the Classroom's annual awards program to recognize administrators, educators, community leaders and policymakers who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in education. The objective of the awards is to promote and encourage innovative learning practices by honoring individuals who have transformed an aspect of education on a large or small scale.

- [The Ocean Science Leadership Awards](#)

The QuikScience COSEE-West Ocean Leadership Awards recognize educators who make outstanding contributions to K-12 ocean science education.

- [Edyth May Sliff Awards for Distinguished High School Mathematics Teaching](#)

- [iLife Educator Awards](#)

The Apple iLife Educator Awards contest was created to recognize the most innovative uses of iLife, an integrated suite of Apple's award-winning software for digital music, photography, moviemaking and DVD creation, in the classroom.

- [The Subaru National Science Teaching Awards](#)

Open to both middle school and high school science teachers, the Subaru National Science

Teaching Awards competition is designed to celebrate science educators who are catalysts in the classroom.

- [Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Program](#)
Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) awards are given for "*exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth Sciences at the secondary level.*" Middle school and high-school teachers are eligible. Eleven national finalists are selected, one from each NAGT regional section. Some sections also recognize state winners. Individuals may apply themselves or nominate a colleague for the award.
- [Radio Shack National Teacher Awards](#)
For the past 15 years, RadioShack has sponsored the RadioShack National Teacher Awards program to foster excellence in teaching math, science and technology.
- [National Association of Biology Teachers](#)

*numerous biology teaching awards
- [ACTE 2006 National Awards Program](#)
The Association for Career and Technical Education awards program seeks to promote excellence in career and technical education by recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field, programs that exemplify the highest standards and organizations that have conducted activities to promote and expand career and technical education programs.
- [SMARTer Kids Teaching Excellence Awards](#)
The Teaching Excellence Award program honors outstanding educators across North America. Through sponsorship of existing national, state, provincial and educational agency award programs, the TEA program supports teachers who've demonstrated themselves to be leading ambassadors for education in their communities.

*3 awards listed with an emphasis in technology in the classroom
- [Institute for Scientific Information Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award](#)
The purpose of the award is to recognize the unique teaching contribution of an individual as a teacher of information science.
- [National Science Teacher's Awards \(NSTA\)](#)

Member Awards:

- *Distinguished Fellow Award: <http://www.nsta.org/fellow>
- *Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers: <http://www.nsta.org/shugrue>
- *New Teachers Scholarship: <http://nsta.org/newteacher>
- *Robert H. Carleton Award (sponsored by Dow Chemical Company):
<http://www.nsta.org/carleton>
- *SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Educator of the Year:
<http://www.nsta.org/seaworld>
- * Shell Science Teaching Award (sponsored by Shell Oil Company):
<http://www.nsta.org/shell>
- *VSP "Vision of Science Award": <http://www.nsta.org/vsp>
- * Vernier Technology Awards: <http://www.nsta.org/vernier>

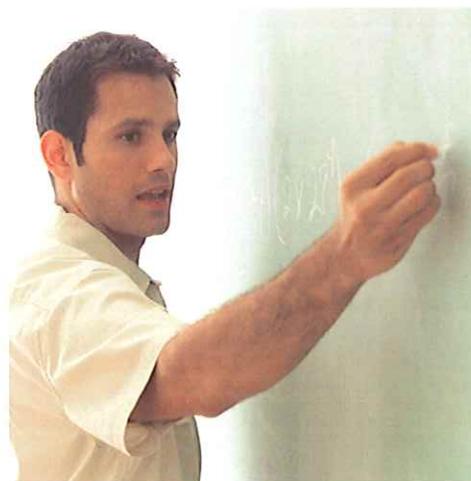
Character Education Awards

- [National KIND Teacher Award](#)
Are you a K-6 classroom teacher who includes lessons about kindness to people, animals, and the environment in your curriculum? Do you know a teacher who does so in an effective, innovative manner? Perhaps you-or one of your colleagues-will become our 2006 National KIND Teacher
- [Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award](#)
The purpose of the Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award is to award \$100,000 to one outstanding teacher working in an underserved community in America. The award seeks to recognize innovative and results-oriented teaching and to raise public awareness of the importance of effective and committed teachers. We hope that thousands of individuals will nominate a teacher who has inspired students to learn and achieve more.
- [National Museum of Education-Freida Riley Awards](#)
The Freida J. Riley Teacher Award annually recognizes an American teacher who overcomes adversity or makes an enormous sacrifice in order to positively impact students.

Foreign Language Teaching Awards

- [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Teacher Awards](#)

*various awards only posted in a pdf document.
Difficult to apply online



Journalism/Media Awards

- [National High School Journalism Teacher Awards](#)
*Journalism teacher award sponsored by Dow Jones
- [The Thomson Gale TEAMS Award](#)
The Thomson Gale TEAMS Award recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement.

Special Education Teaching Awards

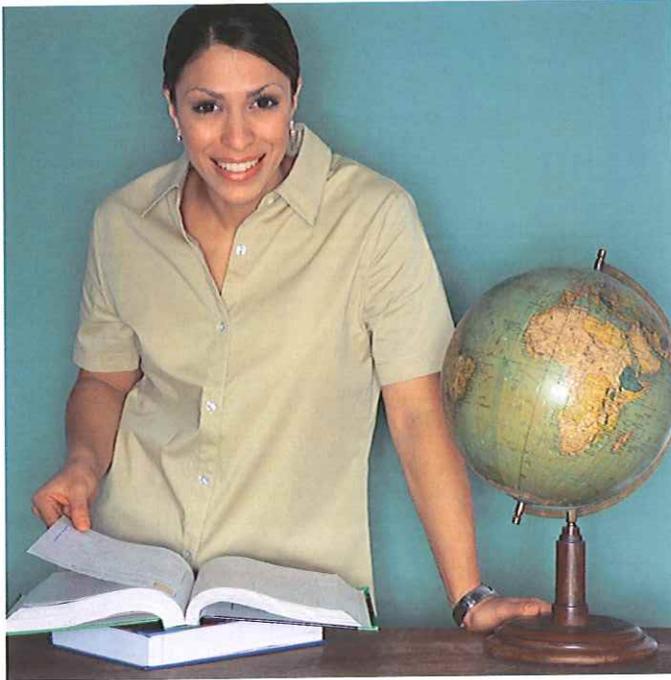
- [National Association of Special Education Teachers](#)
Several Awards sponsored by NASET for special education teachers

Social Studies Teaching Awards

- [NCSS Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award](#)
National Council for the Social Studies honors annually the outstanding performance of teachers, researchers, and other worthy individuals and programs, and has encouraged

unique and innovative social studies education projects through its award and grant programs.

- [The Gilder Lehrman-Institute of American History "History Teacher of the Year"](#)
Inaugurated in 2004 by Preserve America, the History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote, celebrate, encourage and honor the teaching of U.S. history in America's classrooms. The Gilder Lehrman Institute was selected by Preserve America and the White House to coordinate and present this annual award, which honors one outstanding K-12 teacher of American history from each state and U.S. territory.



- [Organization of American Historians](#)
The Organization of American Historians sponsors an annual award to recognize the contributions made by pre-collegiate or classroom teachers to improve history education.
- [VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards](#)
The VFW's National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach

citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. Nearly 1,000 teachers are from every state, the District of Columbia and overseas. Fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals can submit nominations by November 1 to your local Post.

Arts

- [National Foundation for the Advancements in the Arts-Distinguished Teachers in The Arts Program Award](#)
The Coca-Cola Company/NFAA Distinguished Teachers in the Arts program has been highly respected for recognizing outstanding high school teachers in the arts since its inception in 1991.

AWARD FOR PRINCIPALS

Time Warner is looking for a Champion Principal who supports and understands the use of technology as an effective classroom learning resource.

Our 2009 Champion Principal will receive a trip for two to the TWC National Teacher Awards gala celebration in Washington DC and \$5,000 for classroom technology enhancement.
<http://www.timewarnercable.com/Corporate/AboutUs/natlteachersawards.html>

E. SPECIAL RESOURCES (Reports and data.) Most download for free.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH / IMMIGRANTS (New Report)

While data suggest that more than 10 percent of schoolchildren in the United States are immigrants, resources to assist these children may be scarce. Culturally relevant mental health and educational resources, linguistic aids and infrastructure are greatly needed to help these children deal with the stresses of immigration, including traumatic, acculturative and others.

Schools are already responding to the needs of their students by supporting school-connected mental health or social services. A new report, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through the national program *Caring Across Communities: Addressing Mental Health Needs of Diverse Children and Youth*, provides a summary of the mental health needs of immigrant and refugee children. The report also outlines important issues to consider when determining the quality of assessment measures and conducting comprehensive assessments.

Download: <http://www.rwjf.org/vulnerablepopulations/product.jsp?id=32211>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH / 2008 WELL-BEING INDEX

The Foundation for Child Development just released its 2008 report, which focuses on a comparison of the adolescent well-being of late baby boomers and of their children. It measures major trends in the quality of life of children and youth in the U.S. between 1975 and 2006, from a composite of twenty-eight indicators. You can also download previous year reports, with basic data for comparisons, and a different focus each year. This is a respected report, so valuable for needs sections of grant applications.

Go to: http://www.fcd-us.org/resources/resources_show.htm?doc_id=696293 for a quick summary of findings, and **Download** (.pdf) at: http://www.fcd-us.org/usr_doc/2008AnnualRelease.pdf



YOUTH / DRUG ABUSE

New Report: [Reclaiming Futures](#), a five-year initiative of the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), established ten demonstration sites that worked to bring problem-solving courts and systems of care together on behalf of substance-abusing youth in the juvenile justice system. A new report, *How to Implement a Model to Get Youth Off Drugs and Out of Crime* (28 pages, PDF), outlines the lessons learned from the initiative as the sites implemented changes to improve how adolescents with alcohol and drug problems are handled by the system. The report also provides information on how to plan and implement similar initiatives for communities working to improve the juvenile justice system.

Download: <http://www.rwjf.org/files/research/reclaimingfuturesimplementmodel2008.pdf>

DISABILITIES / INCENTIVES / SOURCES

National Council on Disability just published a new resource:

The State of 21st Century Financial Incentives for Americans with Disabilities describes financial incentives affecting people with disabilities and presents research findings in key areas such as education and health care. The report also suggests several strategies for securing meaningful employment, career advancement and benefits needed for daily living and accommodations. **Download** (.pdf):

<http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2008/pdf/FinancialIncentives.pdf>

This report is also available in alternative formats and on the National Council on Disability (NCD) Web site (www.ncd.gov).

F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and for customers

We search for you for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at uofbci@utah.gov.

The Rocky Mountain Continuum of Care and HMIS Symposium, August 25-26, 2008, State Library Building, Salt Lake City <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>



5th Annual Homeless Summit, October 14-15, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM / Pick up packets at 7:30 AM
Register online at: <http://housing.utah.gov/scso/index.html>

SAVE THE DATES:

The Face of Hunger in Utah conference, **September 29-30, 2008**

Utah Council on Crime Prevention will hold the 11th Annual Power of Prevention conference, November 5 – 8.



Website for Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



Visit our new site at <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/index.html>
Be sure to click on Related Links <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/links.html> for helpful information from others.



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