

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2023

Grant Deadlines

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Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant

Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are reading below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs

Application Deadline: April 27, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. MT
Awards Announced: August 17, 2023
Maximum Grant Award: \$4,000

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/>

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American Chemical Society-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

Since 2008, over 700 high school chemistry teachers have received an ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant to support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry.

Funds may be used for :

- Laboratory equipment and supplies
- Instructional materials
- Professional development
- Student-conducted field studies

Maximum Grant Award: \$1,500
Eligibility: High school chemistry teacher
Application Deadline: June 1, 2023

For information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/acs-hach-high-school-chemistry-classroom-grant.html>

Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program

Do you have an innovative teaching method or creative educational project that can positively influence students? Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding and long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? Voya Unsung Heroes can help turn great ideas into reality for students.

All awards must be used to further the projects as described in your submitted application. Voya will award 50 finalists \$2,000 each. Of the 50 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards. First place will receive a bonus of \$25,000; second place will receive a bonus of \$10,000, and third place will receive a bonus of \$5,000. Award checks will be made payable jointly to the recipient and to their school. The funds will be placed into a school account for the awarded teacher to use.

Applicants must be:

- Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the U.S.
- Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with **effective and innovative projects that improve student learning.**

Application Deadline: April 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. MT
Award Announced: August 2023

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.voya.com/page/voya-unsung-heroesr> and <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/information.php>

Toshiba America Foundation Grant: Grades 6-12

Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Funded projects in grades 6-12 provide students with the opportunity to “do science” in new ways that promise to increase their engagement with the subject matter and improve their learning.

- Applications must be for innovative, project based learning activities.
- Computers, laptops, or tablets are not allowable costs.
- Grants are for less than \$5,000.
- Only online applications are accepted.

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
6/1/2023	7/15/2023	8/15/2023
9/1/2023	10/15/2023	11/15/2023
12/1/2023	1/15/2024	2/15/2024

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose provides a way for teachers to request much needed materials, equipment, and items for their classrooms through a simple project application.

For step by step instructions, visit the Office of Competitive Grants webpage: [DonorsChoose Process](#)

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>



Helpful Tips for Writing a Foundation Grant

Simplify

You can spend time writing a grant proposal, but it will be time wasted if the reviewer can't understand it. Simplify your writing using these tips:

- Don't use vague words and empty phrases - Ex: nearly, almost, about, or roughly.
- Don't use jargon, technical language, acronyms, or clichés.
- Don't use words you wouldn't normally use on a daily basis.
- Use common words, short sentences, and short paragraphs to help readers follow along and to stay engaged.
- Use charts and graphs to explain your points - this gives the reader a break in reading text.
- Use headings and subheadings to control the flow of the application.

Useful Steps for Successful District Routing

All grant and project applications, regardless of the dollar amount, must be routed through the central office administrative approval process.

- Step 1:** Write the application and follow the required steps to complete the application. Do NOT submit it to the funder.
- Step 2:** Print a copy of the application. Ensure the full narrative is visible. If unable to expand the response boxes, include a Word document with full responses.
- Step 3:** Complete and sign the [YISD Campus Grant Submission Form](#) and have your principal sign too.
- Step 4:** To start the district routing approval process, scan and email the completed application and the signed Campus Grant Submission Form to lcuster@yisd.net in the Office of Competitive Grants (OCG).
- Step 5:** Allow up to 5 business days for the routing process to be completed. Several central office departments may be involved in this approval process.
- Step 6:** Once the application has been approved, the OCG will notify you to submit the grant or project application to the funder.
- Step 7:** Notify the OCG once your project has been funded.