



WEB WATCH

GRANTS AND GRANT WRITING

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E DUCATION budgets are tightening all across the country at a time when increased funding is needed to implement new technologies in schools. As teachers look for new sources of money, they may want to consider applying for a grant. The Web offers an abundance of information on the process of grant writing and the availability of funds. The following resources should prove valuable to novice and expert alike.

www.kathydoty.addr.com/wq/index.htm

This site is a WebQuest — a series of online exercises the user can complete to learn ways to locate and apply for grant monies.

www.fdncenter.org

This site is a meeting place for both grant seekers and grant makers. Not only is extensive information about funding available, but there is also a section devoted to grant makers and philanthropists.

usny.nysed.gov/grants/

This resource is maintained by the New York State Department of Education and the University of the State of New York. The site provides a series of links for federal and local funding sources and forms, as well as information on scholarships for higher education.

teachersnetwork.org/grants/default.htm

Information about grants for educators and students is available on this site in the form of links to grants in specific geographic areas, along with a collection of links supplied by members of the network. It includes a “how-to” section, as well as a link to submit your grant.

www.aft.org/edissues/teachers/grants.htm

This site is maintained by the American Federation of Teachers. It provides a listing of grant and funding opportunities for all teachers and for those who teach in specific subject areas.

www.financeproject.org/ostfinancing.htm

The Finance Project is dedicated to the understanding of key financing issues, including the cost of programs and trends in available funding sources. This site provides publications that deal

with the issues of funding and how to secure grant money.

www.grantsandfunding.com/grantsandfunding/index.html

Current news about the availability of grants and trends in funding is available from the website of the Thompson Publishing Group. Visitors to this site can order hundreds of publications about securing and managing grants.

www.epa.gov/seahome/grants.html

An interactive grant-writing tutorial to help grant seekers write more competitive grant applications can be downloaded from this site. It is geared toward the needs of those who are applying for grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, but the tips in the tutorial are generic enough to be beneficial to anyone seeking a grant.

www.nsf.gov/home/grants.htm

Information about writing grants to secure funding for basic research is available on this page of the National Science Foundation website. The information covers funding opportunities, proposal preparation, and award administration.

www.mff.org/initiatives/initiatives.taf

Educational initiatives, including those devoted to educational technology, are the main interests of grant funding by the Milken Family Foundation. Information on securing funding from this foundation and other private and public sources is maintained at this site.

<http://learn.arc.nasa.gov/grants/index.html>

Grants related to science, math, engineering, and educational technology are the focus of this NASA website. An up-to-date list of upcoming grants and deadlines is provided, as well as links to the sponsoring agencies. Additional online sources of information about public and private grants are also listed. **■**

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