

# Congressman Filemon Vela

## (34th District of Texas)



Elementary and Secondary Education  
Funding Overview

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# U.S. Department of Education

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- ✧ **Discretionary** - uses a competitive process
- ✧ **Student Loans or Grants** - helps students attend college
- ✧ **Formula** - uses formulas determined by Congress and has no application process



# Grants Process



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**Discretionary Grants Information**  
*Eligibility and Forecasts*

- [Find Grant Programs by Eligibility:](#) who can apply for what

**Student Loans and Other Information**

To get a [Pell grant](#), or other federal aid for college, you must complete the...

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)



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## Programs

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- Title
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- Assistance Type
- ▶ **Eligibility**
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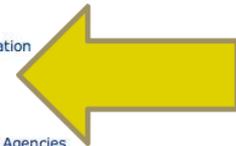
• About ED  
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### FIND PROGRAMS

#### Find Programs by Eligibility

Select one of the eligibility type links below for a list of all ED programs for which that type of organization or individual is eligible to apply.

- Individuals
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Local Education Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Other Organizations and/or Agencies
- State Education Agencies



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# Grants Process



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### Discretionary Grants Information

#### Eligibility and Forecasts

- **Find Grant Programs by Eligibility:** who can apply for what
- **ED grants forecast:** competitions opening soon

#### Application Information

- **Federal Register Notices:** competitions and other announcements
- **Open competitions:** with links to application information



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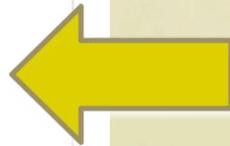
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## FY 2013 Discretionary Grant Competitions

List of Currently Open Grant Competitions  
(Latest Closing Dates appear at top of list.)

CFDA#	Closing Date	Program Name [and Principal Office]	Federal Register Notice	Application Link
84.060A	05/30/2014	<a href="#">Indian Education Formula Grants</a> [OESE]	<a href="#">1/21/2014</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
84.377B	05/23/2014	<a href="#">Turnaround School Leadership Program</a> [OESE]	<a href="#">3/28/2014</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
84.328R	05/23/2014	<a href="#">Special Education--National Activities--Parent Information Centers</a> [OSERS]	<a href="#">3/24/2014</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
84.351C	05/19/2014	<a href="#">Professional Development for Music Educators-Arts in Education</a> [OII]	<a href="#">3/18/2014</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>



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# Elementary & Secondary Education Act

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- ✧ Title I: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
- ✧ Title II: Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers & Principals
- ✧ Title III: Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students
- ✧ Title IV: 21st Century Schools
- ✧ Title V: Promoting Informed Parental Choice and Innovative Programs

# Title I – Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated By Local Educational Agencies

- ❖ Aims to bridge the gap between low-income students and other students
- ❖ Allocates supplemental funding to local school districts to meet the needs of at-risk and low-income students
- ❖ Provides (annually) \$14 billion to school systems for students at risk of failure and living at or near poverty
- ❖ Improves curriculum, instructional activities, counseling, parental involvement, increase staff and program improvement



# Title II: Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals



- ✧ Provides grants to state and local educational agencies, state agencies for higher education, and eligible partnerships
- ✧ Increases Student Academic Achievement
- ✧ Holds local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement

# Title III: Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students

- ✧ Provides a major source of federal funding targeted to enhance the academic achievement of K-12 students who are either limited English proficient (LEP) or recent immigrants



# Title IV - Part A: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities

- ✧ Provides support to state educational agencies (SEAs) for a variety of drug abuse and violence prevention activities focused primarily on school-age youths
- ✧ SEAs are required to distribute 93% of funds to local education agencies (LEAs) for drug-abuse and violence-prevention activities authorized under the statute
- ✧ School-Based Student Drug Testing Programs
  - ✧ Awards grants to LEAs and other public and private entities to develop and implement, or expand, school-based drug testing programs for students



# Title IV - Part B: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers

- ✧ Supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.



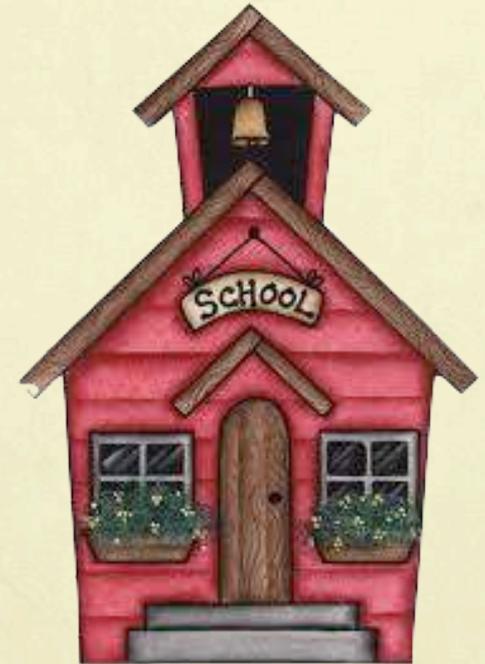
# Title V: Promoting Informed Parental Choice and Innovative Programs



- ✧ Provides a continuing source of innovation and educational improvement, including support programs to provide library services and instructional and media materials.
- ✧ Develops and implements education programs to improve school, student, and teacher performance, including professional development activities and class size reduction programs.

# Title V – Part B: Public Charter Schools

- ✧ Provides financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools
- ✧ Expands the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation
- ✧ Encourages States to provide support to charter schools for facilities financing in an amount more nearly commensurate to the amount the States have typically provided for traditional public schools



# Title V – Part C: Magnet School Assistance

- ❖ Eliminates, reduces or prevents minority group isolation in elementary schools and secondary schools with substantial proportions of minority students and assists in the efforts to achieve voluntary desegregation
- ❖ Implements magnet school programs that will assist local educational agencies in achieving systemic reforms and provides all students the opportunity to meet challenging State academic content standards
- ❖ Strengthens the knowledge of academic subjects and the attainment of tangible and marketable vocational, technological, and professional skills of students

# Title V – Part D: Fund For The Improvement of Education

- ✧ Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs
- ✧ Gifted and Talented Students
- ✧ Arts in Education



# Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA)

The HEOA was enacted in August 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The HEOA makes a number of changes to programs authorized under the HEA, authorizes new programs, and makes changes to other laws.

- ✧ Federal TRIO Programs
- ✧ College Access Challenge Grant Program
- ✧ Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)



# Federal TRIO Programs



- ✧ Federally funded educational outreach programs that motivate and support students from low-income backgrounds – including students with disabilities in successfully pursuing postsecondary degrees.
- ✧ Serves nearly 760,000 students nationwide.
- ✧ Includes pre-college programs focused on young learners and serve and assist progress through the academic pipeline from kindergarten through graduation.
  - ✧ [Upward Bound](#)
  - ✧ [Upward Bound Math-Science](#)
  - ✧ [Talent Search](#)

# Upward Bound

- ❖ An intensive intervention program that prepares students for higher education through enrichment courses.
- ❖ Provides students instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, science, and foreign language.
- ❖ 77.2% of Upward Bound participants immediately enrolled in college following graduation.
- ❖ Surrounding Colleges and Universities with this Upward Bound:
  - ❖ Coastal Bend College
  - ❖ Texas A&M University – Kingsville
  - ❖ Texas State Technical College – Harlingen
  - ❖ University of Texas – Brownsville



# Upward Bound Math-Science

- ✧ Assists students in a rigorous math and science curriculum in high school to encourage and enable students to successfully major in critically important science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines in college.
- ✧ Surrounding Colleges and Universities with Upward Bound Math-Science:
  - ✧ Texas A&M University – Kingsville
  - ✧ University of Texas – Brownsville
- ✧ 86.5% of students who participated in UBMS programs went directly to college after graduation



# Talent Search



- ❖ Focuses on early intervention, working with students deemed to have “college potential” in grades 6-12.
- ❖ Helps students receive information about college admissions, scholarships, and various student financial aid programs.
- ❖ Surrounding Colleges and Universities with Talent Search:
  - ❖ Coastal Bend College
  - ❖ Texas A&M University – Kingsville
  - ❖ Texas State Technical College – Harlingen
  - ❖ University of Texas - Brownsville

# College Access Challenge Grant Program

❖ Fosters partnerships among federal, state, and local governments and philanthropic organizations through challenge grants aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education



- ❖ Texas State Contact:
- ❖ Judith Loredo, TX Higher Education Coordinating Board
  - ❖ [judy.loredo@thehb.state.tx.us](mailto:judy.loredo@thehb.state.tx.us)
  - ❖ 512-427-6545

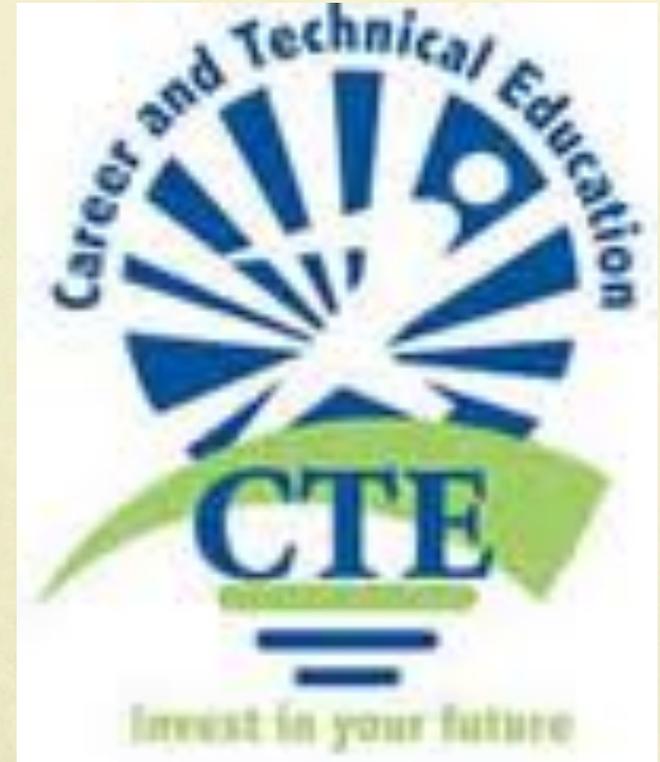
# Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)



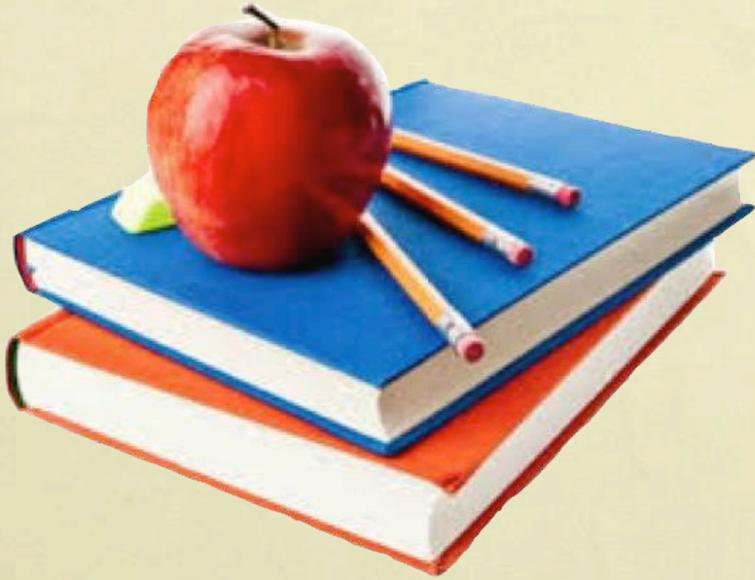
- ✧ Provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools
- ✧ Increases the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education
- ✧ Serves an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follows the cohort through high school
- ✧ Eligible Organizations:
  - ✧ Institutions of Higher Education (IHE)
  - ✧ Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
  - ✧ State Education Agencies (SEAs)

# Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act

- ✧ *A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education (CTE)*
- ✧ CTE FY15 Requests
- ✧ Supports the development of academic and career and technical skills among secondary education students
- ✧ Provides formula grants to states to develop, implement, and improve Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, services, and activities



# Education for Homeless Children & Youth (EHCY)



- ✧ Helps ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including public preschool education that is provided to other children and youth
- ✧ Only federal program that focuses exclusively on homeless children & youth

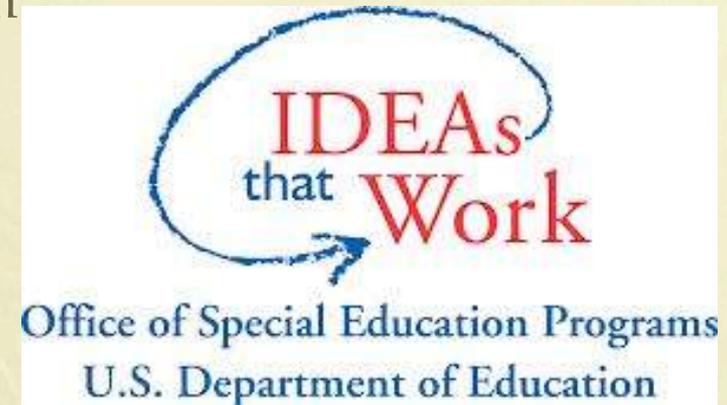
# Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

## ✧ IDEA Formula Grants

- ✧ Aids states in providing a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities ages 3 – 21

## ✧ IDEA Discretionary Grants

- ✧ Provides funds to institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations to support research, demonstrations, technology and personnel development



# ConnectED

- ✧ A White House Initiative

- ✧ Upgrade connectivity

- ✧ Encourage private-sector innovation

- ✧ Aims to connect 99% of students to next-generation broadband and wireless technology

- ✧ Financial support from Apple, Microsoft, Sprint and Verizon totaling more than \$750 million



# Blue Ribbon School Award Program

- ✧ Recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement
- ✧ [Application Timeline](#)



# Green Ribbon Schools Award Program

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools recognition award honors schools and districts that are:

- ❖ Exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs
- ❖ Improving the health and wellness of students and staff
- ❖ Providing effective environmental and sustainability education



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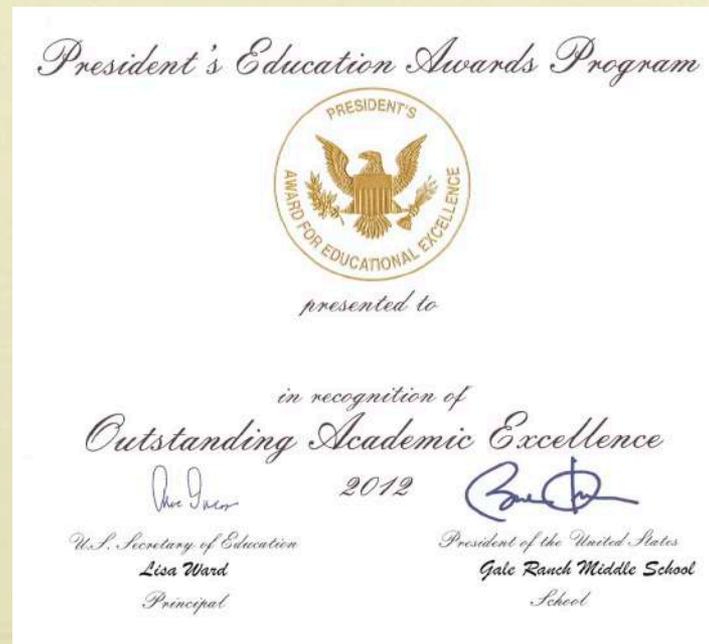
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# President's Education Awards Program

- ✧ Provides individual recognition from the President and the U.S. Secretary of Education to students whose efforts have enabled them to meet challenging standards of excellence
- ✧ Graduating elementary, middle, and high school students



# White House Initiatives

## ✧ Presidential Youth Fitness Program

- ✧ Focuses on making kids healthy & active for life



## ✧ Let's Move



- ✧ Teacher Toolkit
- ✧ Provides 5 simple steps for schools to follow to become healthier places to learn

# Federal Communications Commission

- ✧ The E-rate program is a discounted telecommunications program designed to ensure that schools and libraries obtain telecommunications and Internet access at affordable rates.
- ✧ Administered by the FCC and the partnered with the Universal Service Administrative Company.
- ✧ Eligible Organizations:
  - ✧ Schools
  - ✧ Libraries
  - ✧ Non-instructional Facility (NIF)
  - ✧ Non-traditional Elementary & Secondary Education
  - ✧ Educational Service Agencies (ESA)



# U.S. Department of Labor

## ✧ Summer Jobs +

- ✧ Joint initiative with the White House to provide jobs for low-income youth

## ✧ Bureau of Labor Statistics (K-12)

- ✧ Teacher Resources
- ✧ Student Resources

## ✧ Office of Disability Employment Policy

- ✧ School-based Preparatory Experiences
- ✧ Career Preparation and Work-Based Learning Experiences
- ✧ Youth Development and Leadership
- ✧ Connecting Activities
- ✧ Family Involvement and Supports



# U.S. Department of Labor

- ✧ Employment and Training Administration's Youth Programs
  - ✧ Youth Career Connect
  - ✧ Youth Build
    - ✧ Youth Build Resources
    - ✧ Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO) Program – Youth
      - ✧ Grant Information
- ✧ OSHA Safety & Health Topics for Teen Workers
- ✧ Youth Rules!
- ✧ Mine Safety and Health Administration Kids Page



# U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

- ✧ Grants.gov is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants. HHS manages the website - an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community.
- ✧ Head Start
- ✧ HHS grant management information
- ✧ U.S. Food and Drug Administration
  - ✧ Kids



# Head Start

- ✧ Promotes school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families
- ✧ Enhances cognitive, social and emotional development
- ✧ Provides comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families
- ✧ Includes health, nutrition and social services
- ✧ The Office of Head Start (OHS) awards grants to public and private agencies on a competitive basis



# U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- ◇ Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- ◇ Immigration & Customs Enforcement
  - ◇ Internship Program
  - ◇ iGuardian
- ◇ United States Secret Service
  - ◇ Student Volunteer Service Program
- ◇ U.S. Customs & Border Protection
  - ◇ CBP Explorer Program
- ◇ Federal Emergency Management Agency
  - ◇ Interactive online disaster preparedness educational tools
    - ◇ Kids
    - ◇ Parents
    - ◇ Educators



# U.S. Office of Personnel Management

## ✧ Internship Program

### ✧ Eligible Students

- ✧ Current students in an accredited high school, college
- ✧ Professional, technical, vocational, and trade school students



# U.S. Department of Agriculture

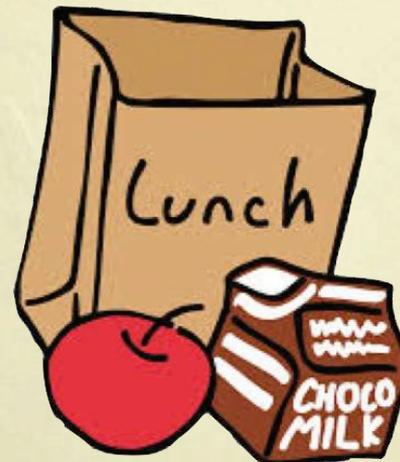
- ✧ Agricultural Research Service
  - ✧ Animal Improvement Programs Lab
  - ✧ Sci4Kids
- ✧ Food and Nutrition Consumer Services
  - ✧ Choose My Plate
  - ✧ Team Nutrition
- ✧ Farm Service Agency
  - ✧ FSA Kids
- ✧ Food Safety Inspection Service
  - ✧ Food Safety for Kids and Teens
- ✧ Free and Reduced Lunch  
Income Eligibility Guidelines



- ✧ National Agricultural Library
- ✧ National Resources Conservation Service
  - ✧ Backyard Conservation
- ✧ National Institute of Food & Agriculture
  - ✧ 4-H

# National School Lunch Program

- ✧ Administered by Food and Nutrition Service at federal level and SEAs at state level
- ✧ Supports public & private schools of high school levels and lower
- ✧ Participating school districts receive cash subsidies from USDA for each meal served
- ✧ Summer Food Service Program
- ✧ Seamless Summer Option
- ✧ Fact Sheet
- ✧ Program History



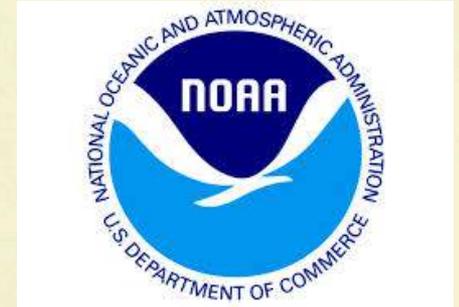
# USDA U.S. Forest Service



- ✧ Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl
- ✧ Junior Forest Ranger
- ✧ Partners With:
  - ✧ Project Learning Tree
    - ✧ Grants
    - ✧ Teacher Workshop
    - ✧ Online Curricula
    - ✧ Additional resources
  - ✧ **TX State Coordinator:**
    - ✧ **John Boyette**
    - ✧ 936-564-9276
    - ✧ [jboyette@tfs.tamu.edu](mailto:jboyette@tfs.tamu.edu)
  - ✧ Climate Change Live
    - ✧ Distance Learning bringing resources about climate to classrooms across the country

# U.S. Department of Commerce

- ✧ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- ✧ Grants
- ✧ Grant Management



# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

- ✧ [NOAA Education](#)
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  - ✧ [Environment Literacy Grants Program](#)
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- ✧ [National Estuarine Research System \(NERRS\)](#)
- ✧ [National Marine Fisheries Service](#)
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- ✧ [National Weather Service](#)
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# U.S. Department of Energy

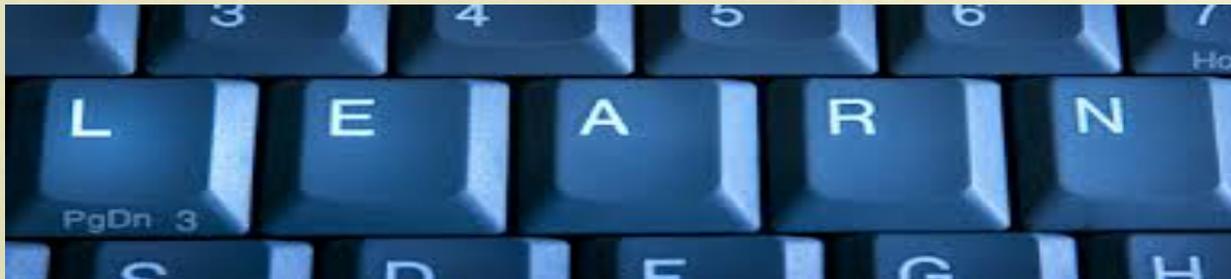
- ✧ K-12 Lesson Plans
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- ✧ Competitions
- ✧ Green Your School
- ✧ Multimedia
- ✧ Energy Kids
  - ✧ For Teachers
- ✧ DOE Labs
- ✧ Science Education
- ✧ National Science Bowl
- ✧ Stem Education
  - ✧ Minority Education and Community Development



# U.S. Department of Energy

Partners with:

- ✧ American Museum of Science & Energy
- ✧ Climate Literacy Network
- ✧ Ocean Literacy Network
- ✧ Green 360
- ✧ Kid Wind Project
- ✧ Turf Mutt



# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



## Kids Next Door

Where kids can learn more about being  
good citizens

# U.S. Department of Interior

- ✧ Teaching and Resource Overview
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- ✧ National Park Service
  - ✧ Curriculum Materials
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  - ✧ Junior Ranger & WebRangers
  
- ✧ U.S. Geological Survey
  - ✧ Education
  
- ✧ Partners with:
  - ✧ Nature Bridge
  - ✧ National Geographic
  - ✧ National Park Foundation



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  - ◇ [FBI Kids Page](#)
- ◇ [U.S. Marshals Service](#)
  - ◇ [Student Activities](#)
- ◇ [Drug Enforcement Administration](#)
  - ◇ [DEA Red Ribbon Week](#)
  - ◇ [Get Smart About Drugs - A Resource for Parents](#)
- ◇ [School Resource Officers](#)

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- ✧ Protecting the Environment at School
- ✧ Teacher Resources
- ✧ Student Resources
  - ✧ Homework Resources
- ✧ Global Climate Change



# U.S. Department of the Treasury

- ✧ Internal Revenue Service
- ✧ U.S. Mint



# Internal Revenue Service

## Tax Credits for Teachers

- ✧ \$250 Educator Expense Deduction
  - ✧ Educators can deduct up to \$250 you paid or incurred for books, supplies, computer equipment, other equipment, and supplementary materials that you use in the classroom.
  
- ✧ American Opportunity Tax Credit
  - ✧ Modifies the existing Hope Credit by making it more available to a broader range of taxpayers while also adding required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allowing the credit to be claimed for four post-secondary education instead of two.



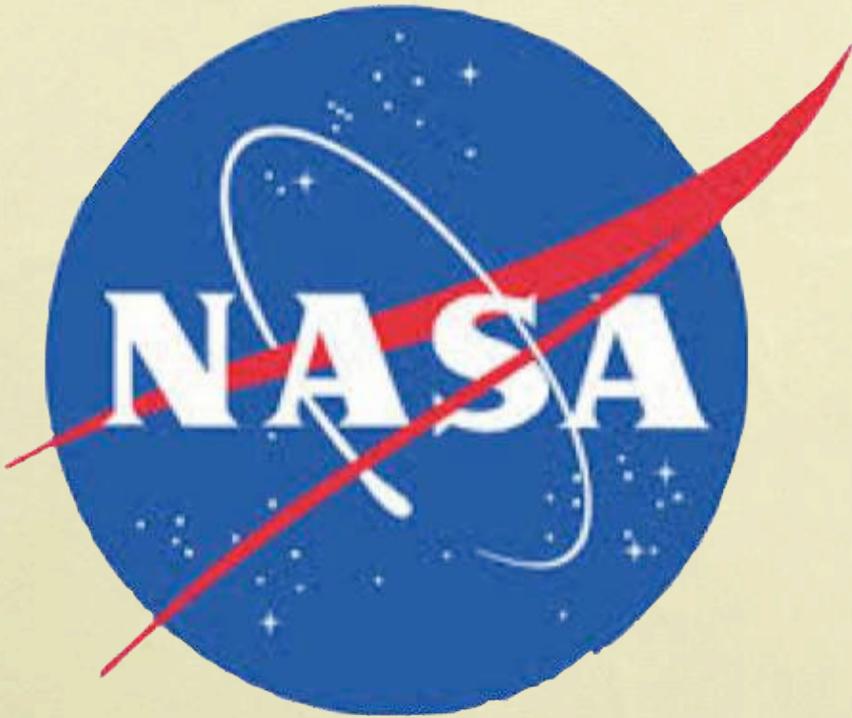
# U.S. Mint

## History in Your Pocket – Kids Page

- ✧ Games
- ✧ Coins and Medals
- ✧ Coin News
- ✧ Mint History
- ✧ Educators



# National Aeronautics Space Administration



- ✧ For Educators
- ✧ For Students
- ✧ NASA Kids Club
  - ✧ Kids' Corner
- ✧ Teaching Materials
- ✧ Educator Resource Center Network
- ✧ Grants

# National Archives

- ✧ [Educator Resources](#)
- ✧ [Education Updates](#)
- ✧ [Special Topics & Tools](#)
- ✧ [Student Visits](#)
- ✧ [Professional Development](#)
- ✧ [Distance Learning Programs](#)
- ✧ [National History Day Resources](#)
- ✧ [Presidential Library Education Programs](#)



# National Science Foundation

## Classroom Resources

- ✧ Arctic & Antarctic
- ✧ Astronomy & Space
- ✧ Biology
- ✧ Chemistry & Materials
- ✧ Computing
- ✧ Earth & Environment
- ✧ Education
- ✧ Engineering
- ✧ Mathematics
- ✧ Nanoscience
- ✧ People & Society
- ✧ Physics

Partners with:

- ✧ Engineering is Elementary
- ✧ Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network



# National Endowment for the Humanities

- ✧ One of the largest funders of humanities programs in the U.S.
- ✧ Promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history to all Americans
- ✧ Grants
- ✧ Partners with Humanities Texas



# Humanities Texas

- ✧ Conducts & supports public programs in History, Literature, Philosophy, and other humanities disciplines
- ✧ Outstanding Teaching Awards
  - ✧ \$5,000 available for the teacher and \$500 for their school
- ✧ Free workshops available
  - ✧ Lodging included
- ✧ Offers traveling Exhibitions covering a variety of historical events in multiple languages



# National Endowment for the Arts



- ✧ Challenge America Fast Track
  - ✧ For small and mid-size organizations proposing projects that would serve underserved populations

Partners with:

- ✧ The Big Read
  - ✧ Supports innovative reading programs
- ✧ Poetry Out Loud
  - ✧ Supports Poetry recitation contest for high school students

# National Gallery of Art

- ✧ Resources for Teachers
- ✧ Lessons and Activities
- ✧ Summer Teaching Institute
- ✧ Teaching Packets



# Institute of Museum & Library Services

- ✧ Eligible Organizations:
  - ✧ Any museum or library that incorporates their learning plan into a grant application
  
- ✧ Purpose:
  - ✧ To reward individual programs at institutions that pursue learning, literacy and education in the informal learning spaces
  
- ✧ Grants



# Library of Congress



- ✧ For Teachers:
  - ✧ [Classroom Materials](#)
  - ✧ [Professional Development Resource](#)
  - ✧ [Lesson Plans](#)
  - ✧ [Activities](#)
  
- ✧ For Students:
  - ✧ [Reading](#)
  - ✧ [Poetry 180](#)
  - ✧ [America's Library](#)
  - ✧ [Science Facts](#)
  - ✧ [Historical Events](#)

# Social Security Administration

Kids and Families

Parents' Place

Kids' Place



# Smithsonian Institution

## ✧ Resources for Educators

## ✧ Smithsonian Education

### ✧ Students

## ✧ Citizen Science

### ✧ NestWatch

### ✧ TreeBranding

### ✧ BioCube

### ✧ MicroObservatories

### ✧ eMammal

### ✧ SIWild

## ✧ Waterways



## ✧ STEM

### ✧ Curricula

### ✧ Learning Materials

### ✧ Agricultural Heritage Citizenship Scholarship

### ✧ African Cosmos Art Exhibit

### ✧ Natural History

### ✧ Air & Space

### ✧ Environmental Research

### ✧ Webinars

# National Postal Museum

- ✧ Teacher Resources:
  - ✧ Curriculum
  - ✧ Classroom Resources
- ✧ Historic Postal Documents



# Kids.gov

A safe place to learn and play



- ✧ Kids (Grades K-5)
- ✧ Teens (Grades 6-8)
- ✧ Teachers
- ✧ Parents

# More Information on Seeking Federal Grants

# Seeking Federal Grants



- ✧ CRS Reports
- ✧ Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
  - ✧ Provides a list of grants by Program
  - ✧ Offers supplemental information on Writing Grants



When applying for a federal grant, reach out to Congressman Vela's office to ask for a letter of support!

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# Outside Resources

# National Education Association

## Issues and Action

- ✧ Education Funding
- ✧ Legislative Action Center
- ✧ Raise Your Hand for Public Education

## Tools and Ideas

- ✧ Lesson Plans
- ✧ Classroom Management
- ✧ Teaching Strategies

## Grants and Events

- ✧ Grants and Awards
- ✧ Read Across America
- ✧ National Teacher Day
- ✧ American Education Week



# American Federation of Teachers

## Tools for Teachers

- ✧ Classroom Management
- ✧ Working Together
- ✧ Teacher to Teacher
- ✧ Classroom Materials
- ✧ Special Populations
- ✧ Funding Opportunities
- ✧ Professional Development
- ✧ Teachers and Technology: Your Rights
- ✧ English Language Learners
  
- ✧ Key Issues
- ✧ Share My Lesson



*A Union of Professionals*

# The School Superintendent Association

Policy & Advocacy

Resources

Leadership Development

Programs & Events

Membership

Children's Programs



# Texas State Teachers Association

- ✧ The Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) is a professional education organization with chapters all over Texas.
- ✧ Affiliated with the National Education Association
- ✧ TSTA serves several important purposes:
  - ✧ To educate future teachers on Texas legislation
  - ✧ Advocate for changes in laws, new testing methods, and improved communication

# Grants for Non-Profits

## Michigan State University Library

- ✧ Compilation of grants organized by categories for non-profit groups
  - ✧ Children & Youth
  - ✧ Education



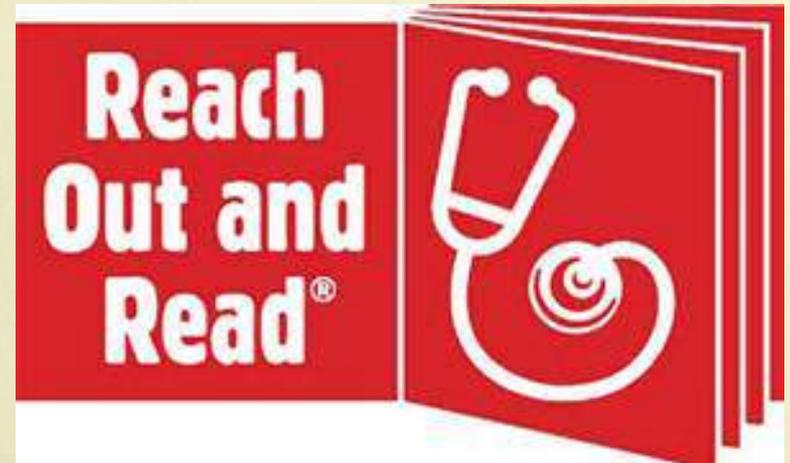
# Foundation Centre



- ✧ Provides a searchable process of international, national, and local organizations and companies that support a variety of activities and programs
- ✧ Offers a [Get Started](#) section to help begin the application process and answer frequently asked questions
- ✧ Features a [Find Funders](#) page to search possible sources as well as a section to [track funding trends](#)

# Reach Out & Read

- ✧ Find a Program
- ✧ Literacy Materials
  - ✧ Choosing Books for Children
  - ✧ Reading Tips
  - ✧ Literacy Milestones
  - ✧ Dialogic Reading
  - ✧ Audio Books
  - ✧ Parent Resources



# Discovery Education

## ✧ Administrator Resources

- ✧ Discovery Educator Network
- ✧ Curricular
- ✧ Assessment
- ✧ Instructional
- ✧ Common Core Support
- ✧ Partner Success
- ✧ Professional Development
- ✧ Hardware Solutions
- ✧ Events

## ✧ Parents

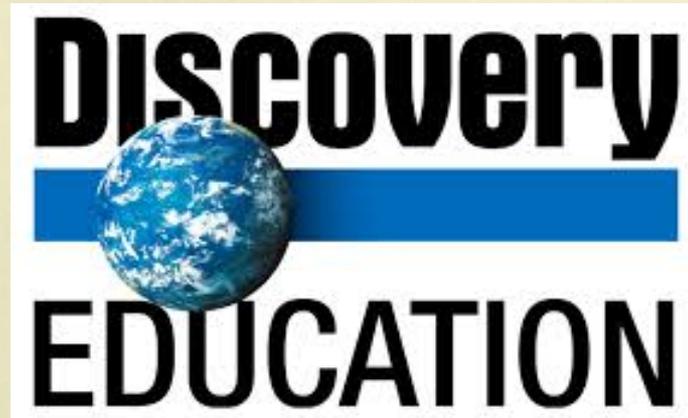
- ✧ Motivation Station

## ✧ Students

- ✧ Homework Help
- ✧ WebMath

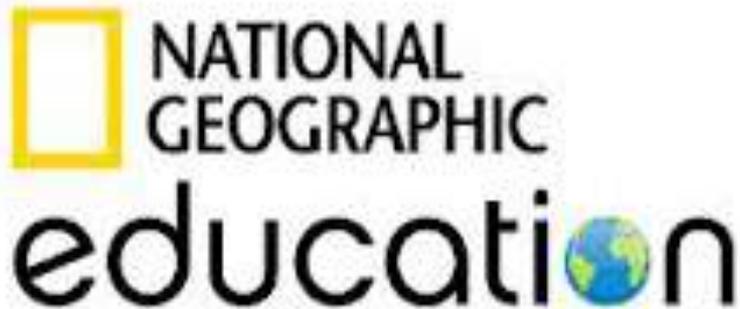
## ✧ Teacher Resources

- ✧ K-5
- ✧ 6-8
- ✧ 9-12
- ✧ Lesson Plans
- ✧ Featured Programs
- ✧ Additional Resources



# National Geographic

- ✧ Teacher Resources
  - ✧ Lesson Plans
  - ✧ Professional development opportunities and resources
- ✧ Student Resources
  - ✧ Homework Help
  - ✧ Educational activities and games



# Grants Alert

*“Our number one goal at GrantsAlert.com is to make life a little easier for those who devote their time to searching for **education** grants and identifying new funding opportunities for their organizations, schools, districts, consortia and state education agencies.”*

## Foundations Grants

### Grants by State (Texas)



# National Boys & Men of Color Institute

## National Compadres Network



- ✧ Mission: Strengthen, rebalance, and/or redevelop the traditional "Compadre" extended family system by encouraging and supporting the positive involvement of Latino males as fathers, sons, grandfathers, brothers, compadres, partners, and mentors in their families and community
- ✧ Increasing positive male Latino support and influence will reduce the incidence of substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, teen pregnancy, gang violence, and other family and community problems

# United Nations

## Cyber School Bus

### Resources

- ✧ [UN Intro for Students](#)
- ✧ [UN News Centre](#)
- ✧ [UN Webcast](#)
- ✧ [UN Publications](#)

### Quizzes + Games

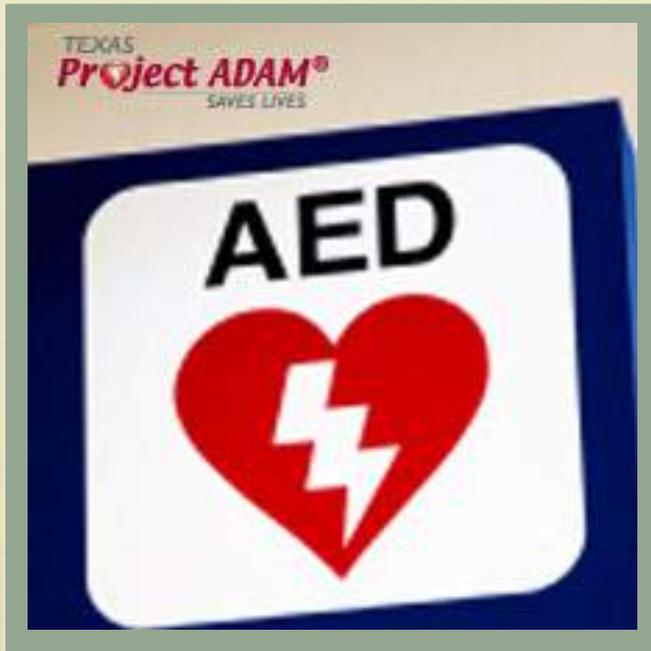
- ✧ [Stop Disasters](#)
- ✧ [Water Quiz](#)



### Curriculum

- ✧ [Peace Education](#)
- ✧ [Poverty](#)
- ✧ [Human Rights](#)
- ✧ [Cities of the World](#)
- ✧ [Indigenous Peoples](#)
- ✧ [Women's Rights](#)
- ✧ [Saving Tomorrow's World](#)
- ✧ [Health](#)
- ✧ [Cleaner Oceans](#)
- ✧ [UN in Space](#)

# Training on Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)



- ✧ Sudden cardiac arrest is the largest cause of death for children in school
- ✧ Texas Project ADAM provides training at no cost on the use of an AED
- ✧ Provides Texas schools with the necessary tools and education to plan, fund and develop their public access defibrillation (PAD) program

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# Questions???

# Background Material

# FY 15 Budget

- ✧ President Obama released his budget proposal for the entire government for FY 15 at the beginning of March
- ✧ ConnectEDucators:
  - ✧ Proposes \$200 million to prepare & support teachers' work to integrate digital learning into the classroom
- ✧ Preschool for All
  - ✧ Invest \$75 billion over 10 years to create new partnerships with states and provide high-quality preschool to more communities
  - ✧ Provide \$750 million in complementary discretionary funds to help states strengthen their early learning systems

# U.S. Department of Education

- ✧ 7% of educational funding comes from the federal government.
  - ✧ The remaining 93% comes from the state and local governments
- ✧ For FY14:
  - ✧ \$71 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Education
  - ✧ An increase of 4.5% over the FY2013 pre-sequester level

