

Grant Tips

Below are possible options for financial assistance and potential grant funding opportunities. These are by no means exhaustive, but they might help you start your own search for funding. It is imperative that you begin looking for funding opportunities as early as possible. The grant process can take weeks or months and it's important to find the right grant for you.

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Grant Opportunities

The NEA Foundation

<http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

The NEA Foundation supports a variety of efforts by teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to improve student learning in the nation's public schools, colleges, and universities.

* Learning & Leadership Grants

http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership_Guidelines.htm

Learning & Leadership Grants are available for individual teachers to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. For more information please visit the Web site.

Fund for Teachers

<http://www.fundforteachers.org>

Fund for Teachers enriches the personal and professional growth of teachers by supporting them as they identify and pursue opportunities around the globe. The Fund provides fellowship grants directly to teachers, with more than three years of experience, to support their professional learning during the summer. Their experiences come in many forms, but share the purpose of better teaching. For more information please visit the Web site. (Note: Grant awards restricted to certain states)

Teacher As A Researcher Grant

<http://www.reading.org/>

The International Reading Association's Teacher as Researcher Grant is one of three grant programs for teachers who conduct research inquiries in their classrooms. The Teacher as Researcher Grant supports teachers in their inquiries about literacy and instruction. Teacher as Researcher Grant studies may be carried out using any research method or approach so long as the focus is on reading/writing or literacy. For more information please visit the Web site.

Student Loan Deferment

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/DirectLoan/faq.html#2>

Many lenders, including Stafford Loans, have provisions that allow a borrower to temporarily stop making payments if you are enrolled in school 6 or more hours in a semester. These deferments are usually for a period of 6 months; but may be shorter or longer depending on the loan and the lender. Interest on your loan may not be charged during your deferment period.

To check your eligibility for loan deferment, visit the Department of Education Web site and create a PIN if you don't already have one.

<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

Then, visit the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) For Students and check your current status. http://www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls_SA/

Or, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If you are hearing-impaired and have questions, please contact the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913.

For additional grant opportunities and links to other useful sources.