

Grant Funding Leads

Twenty-First Century Grand Prix

Education must be the foundation on which a stronger twenty-first century economy emerges, and technology will play a key role in improving the way teachers teach and students learn. It follows that they must be prepared to take advantage of all the opportunities provided in Pitsco Education and LEGO® Education curricula. Information technology is a vital tool that can help educate students and teachers by providing the dynamic content found in our curricula. The race to fund these proven avenues of educational vitality is under way, though government dollars will stretch only so far. Some education entities must seek funding from private sources to further fuel their learning vehicles. A few service stations include the following:

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is interested in projects that will result in a strong benefit to society and for which funding from the private sector, the government, or other foundations is not widely available. They do not fund elementary education.

More information: <http://www.sloan.org/apply>

American Honda Foundation

The purpose of the offering is to develop and maintain programs pertaining to academic or curriculum development. Their emphasis revolves around innovative educational methods and techniques that focus on youth and scientific education. The deadline is fast approaching.

More information: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

Mitsubishi supports programs that help young Americans with disabilities maximize their potential.

More information: <http://www.meaf.org/grants.php>

Pentair Foundation

Pentair supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, and health. Submission dates are March 1 and June 1.

More information: <http://www.pentair.com/foundation.html>

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Southwire Foundation

Their focus is on the following areas: youth education, the local environment, health and wellness, and at-risk youth and families.

More information: <http://www.southwire.com/>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

LEGO® Smart™ Creativity Contest

LEGO® Education North America invites educators to create an activity for students using only LEGO bricks that are provided free of charge. The contest is open to anyone employed or working in the education field.

More information: <http://www.legoeducation.com/forms/activitycontest.asp>