

Grant Funding Leads

Turning back the clock

We have often been told you “can’t turn back the clock” and “time marches on.” It is true that clock time continuously progresses and “our days do dwindle down to a precious few” if music is your thing. However, the need to turn back the educational clock is again being promoted. If you are at the edge of an abyss, the wise choice is to back up. We are once again turning back in an attempt to deliver challenges to students so the real intent of their education may be met.

Our past historical attempts have included A Nation At Risk, America 2000, Goals 2000, No Child Left Behind, and currently the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus package that incorporates the Race To The Top (R2T) funding challenge – a challenge that can only be met by states measuring up to the bill’s criteria. In addition, there is strong urging from the Executive branch to increase the quality of teaching by whatever incentives necessary. The objective of this move is to recapture something considered lost years ago.

Pitsco Education and LEGO® Education are positioned to form a duality of successes by providing the K-12 learning vehicles to recapture what was thought lost in previous years. The Missions and Modules labs, Algebra, WeDo™, NXT, and TETRIX™ systems provide the hands-on, teacher-involved learning experience that will produce growth in scores and propel teachers into the heart of students’ real-life learning. It is an old adage, but if *you cannot remember the past, you are condemned to repeat it*. Pitsco and LEGO have never been repetitious as their curricula continue to radiate progress.

Following are foundation grants that can open the way to obtaining the educational facilities to beat the clock and lead the race toward educational progress.

Gates Family Foundation

Gates furnishes millions of dollars to find the right mix of learning environments.

More information: <http://www.gatesfamilyfoundation.org/>

Amgen Foundation

Amgen promotes teacher quality and professional development in math and science and is committed to raising the level of science literacy and attracting bright new minds to the study of science.

More information: http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/corporate_philanthropy.html

Beaumont Foundation

This foundation seeks to improve lives by giving people the tools to become educated, healthy, and self-reliant in the areas of education, health care, and children and youth programs.

More information: <http://www.bmtfoundation.com/bfa/index.htm>

Heineman Foundation

Heineman programs enable youth to think, create, and communicate effectively.

More information: http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application_process

Lindbergh Foundation

Lindbergh presents grants to those whose proposed research or education projects will make important contributions toward improving the quality of life by balancing technological advancements.

More information: <http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/>

Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation

Science and environment are leading recipients of funds from this source.

More information: <http://www.noble.org/Admin/granting/Index.html>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

Bank of America (local branches)

Grants are education centered for the development of youth programs.

More information: <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>