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Georgia 4-H Receives \$25,000 Grant From State Farm Youth Advisory Board



Members of the Youth Technology Leadership Team



The Georgia 4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team is comprised of 22 teens, 6 collegiate advisors, and 3 adult volunteers who wish to increase the widespread use of computer technology by teaching and training 4-Hers and adults across the state. A \$25,000 grant was awarded to the Tech Team to support the team's Cyber Security Initiative. CSI will partner the "Need-A-Computer" Project with Cyber Education classes—including internet and social networking safety and cyber-bullying prevention—for underserved youth and families located in communities throughout Georgia. CSI will work with underserved youth to give them an opportunity to own a home computer and learn basic technology operations. It will help close the achievement gap for many youth. Together State Farm and Georgia 4-H will help these youth and their families reach their dreams of higher education by giving them the tools to gain access to more opportunities. Over 60% of today's jobs require knowledge of technology operations, and Georgia is a high need area with 91 of our 159 counties declared in persistent poverty. This grant opportunity will allow many youth and families a new start towards reaching their hopes and dreams for the future.



Grant Announcements

George Gund Foundation

Deadline: June 15, 2009 and Sept. 15, 2009, \$10,000 grants
Apply if your area is related to the arts, economic development and community revitalization, education, environment and human services.

National Forest Foundation: Matching Awards Program

Pre-Proposals Due: June 5, 2009

The Foundation's Matching Awards Program provides challenge cost-share grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. to engage in on-the-ground conservation and citizen-based monitoring initiatives directly benefiting National Forests and Grasslands. Priority is given in the areas of community-based forestry, watershed health and restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and recreation. All grants require at least a one-to-one cash match through non-federal donations.

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Applications are due June 30, 2009

Provides \$1,000 to \$15,000 grants to programs addressing hunger and its causes in the United States and around the world. While some funding is provided for direct feeding projects, priority is given to initiatives that attempt to address the root causes of hunger. Grants are provided in five categories: Development Assistance grants, Influencing Public Policy Grants, Lifestyle Integrity grants, Education and Interpretation Grants, and Direct Relief.

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

Deadline: June 1, 2009

Helping young people with disabilities maximize their potential and full participation in society. The Foundation's major program emphasis is inclusion: enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. Preference is also given to organizations that actively involve people with disabilities in the planning and implementation of activities. (\$10,000 to \$290,000)

Habitat for Humanity Service-Learning Partnership

Deadline: May 15, 2009

The Service-Learning Partnership provides funds for teachers and schools to develop and implement service-learning projects in partnership with their local Habitat affiliate. For the 2009-2010 school year, teachers and their local Habitat affiliates can jointly apply for a one-year grant of up to \$7,000 to cover educational expenses associated with the service-learning project.

\$3,000 Scholarship for English Language Learners

Deadline: May 15, 2009

Organization: Rosetta Stone

Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors who have learned English as a second language

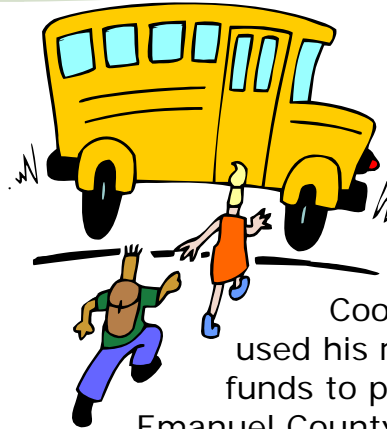
Digital Camera and Accessories for Student Photographers

Olympus Cameras and Tool Factory

Value: Two grand prize winners will win an 8.0 megapixel digital camera and accessories

Deadline: May 15, 2009

Students are asked to submit their favorite photographs online to become eligible to win the grand prize 8.0 megapixel digital camera with accessories, a Tool Factory software program worth up to \$200, and a digital camera basics book. One winner will be chosen in the photography category and one in artistic photo manipulation. At least 10 honorable mention winners will receive Tool Factory software and a digital camera basics book.



Emanuel County gets a New Bus

When Emanuel County's worn out van needed replacing, County Extension Coordinator Mark Crosby used his resources when finding funds to purchase a new one.

Emanuel County 4-H approached the County Commissioners and asked if they would be willing to fund half of it... and they did! They received grant funding from the United Way of Southeast Georgia, Mill Creek Foundation, Wal-Mart Communities Program, and the Emanuel County 4-H Foundation, with two fundraisers providing an additional \$8,000 that they needed.

The 4-H Clubhouse in Emanuel County also needed some updates, so to fund the replacement of their tables and chairs, Emanuel County 4-H applied for and successfully received two grants through Washington EMC and Jefferson Electric, with their Operation Roundup Programs.

Here are some tips you can use to get your grant rolling...

- Use a thesaurus
- Look for ways to tug on the reader's heartstrings
- Cite research as evidence for your program need
- Use underlining, italics, and graphs for emphasis
- Use buzzwords



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The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation

Value: Varying number of grants of up to \$10,580

Deadline: June 11, 2009

Provides grants of up to \$10,580 to men and women whose individual initiative and work in a wide spectrum of disciplines furthers the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the advance of technology and the preservation of the natural/human environment.

State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council

Eligibility: High school students and their teachers or advisors

Value: \$10,000

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Students develop a campaign to address the issue of teen driver safety in their communities. The top 20 schools will receive \$5,000 to help cover expenses to attend the National Service-Learning Conference, where they will showcase their work. The top winner will be presented with a \$10,000 grant to continue their teen driver safety efforts.

National Gardening Association and Gardener's Supply

Value: 20 awards of \$200 to \$500

Deadline: October 15, 2009

To encourage the growth of these health-focused youth gardens, National Gardening Association recognizes outstanding programs through the Healthy Sprouts Awards, sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company. These awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

Garden Burger Community Garden Grants.

Due May 15, 2009

Community gardening can range from creating a small school garden to adopting an abandoned plot of land and turning it into something useful and beautiful. An organization can apply for a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$10,000.

Paulding County and Captain Planet Foundation

Paulding County has faced many challenges related to declining stream water quality and the pressures placed on our water resources. Several streams in Paulding County are listed as "impaired" by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, resulting in a need for increased awareness of non-point source pollution prevention among citizens. In an effort to raise awareness of non-point source pollution in Paulding County, a small group of Junior and Senior 4-H'ers initiated the Paulding County Stream Team to monitor Weaver Creek in Dallas, Georgia. Grant funding in the amount of \$400 was obtained



from the Captain Planet Foundation, an international eco-foundation for youth based on the successful *Captain Planet and the Planeteers* cartoon series. Grant funds were used to purchase stream testing supplies for training and certifying youth volunteers through Georgia's Adopt A Stream Volunteer Chemical and Biological Water Quality Monitoring Program. To date, sixteen adult and youth volunteers have been trained using the materials purchased with these funds. The "Paulding County 4-H Stream Team" continues to monitor and manage data for Weaver Creek, sharing it with the local water authority, as well as the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, through Adopt a Stream.

Microsoft Corporation

Microsoft Corp. plans to commit more than \$1 billion over the next five years to Unlimited Potential (UP), a global initiative focused on providing technology skills to disadvantaged individuals through community-based technology and learning centers. The awards are designed to encourage innovation and provide the funding necessary to help the best technology solutions scale for broader use.

Garden Crusaders Award

The Garden Crusader Awards were created by Gardener's Supply in 2001 to honor individuals of any age who are improving the world through gardening. Nomination due June 15. Up to \$2,500 awarded.

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

You can submit a proposal at any time during the year. However, proposals will only be reviewed the last day of March, June, September, and December. Grants range from \$250 to \$2,500.

Georgia Master Gardener Grants.

Each year the Georgia Master Gardener Association allocates monies to help support a variety of educational horticultural projects in the state of Georgia. Grants usually are in the \$100-\$700 range.

Stream Team

Paulding County



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America the Beautiful Fund's Operation Green Plant

This program is offering grants of FREE SEEDS (Vegetable, Flower, or Herb) to encourage citizen efforts to protect and preserve America's lands and resources.

Nickelodeon Grants

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to 10 Green Teams - extraordinary youth across the nation that are helping to make smart, eco-friendly changes in their home, school and community. This initiative is a part of the "Big Green Help," an environmental awareness campaign and kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

Neighborhoods to Improve Pedestrian Safety

Deadline: May 29, 2009

Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to government agencies, nonprofits, and community groups working to improve the pedestrian safety and walkability of their neighborhoods.

Quaker Oats Program to Help Combat Hunger

Deadline: Rolling Through July 31, 2009

One hundred \$500 awards will be given to individuals working on projects to combat hunger in their communities.

Christopher Reeve Foundation

Deadline: March 1 and September 1, annually

Up to \$25,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations working to address the needs of persons living with paralysis (particularly spinal-cord injury), their families, and caregivers.

Conservation Fund—Greenways Grants

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Grants of up to \$2,500 will be given to public agencies and nonprofits working to plan and design greenways in communities across the United States.

Best Buy Consumer Electronics Recycling Grant Program

Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to \$1,500 will be given to nonprofits and civic organizations or partnerships holding consumer electronics recycling events.

Travelocity's Travel for Good

Awarded to people who have demonstrated long-term contributions through volunteering, but do not have the financial means to take a volunteer vacation. Requires applicants to select a trip as part of the application process. There will be two grants of \$5,000 per quarter.

Herb Block Foundation

Citizen Involvement Grant Program

Proposals may focus on citizen education and greater voter participation in the electoral process. All projects must be nonpartisan and may not involve lobbying for specific legislation or candidates. Grants will not be made for capital or endowment programs, or for sectarian religious purposes. Applicants must be nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each for one year.

• www.grants.gov

• Egrants.ed.gov

• Servenet.org

• Grantsalert.com

• Genv.net

Grant Resources

• Channing-bete.com

SPOTLIGHT on Bacon County

A Grassroots Arts Council grant of \$2,000 and a \$3,000 grant from Our Hometown was used to bring



Clovers & Company to Bacon County. The cost of Clovers along with television advertising, newspaper, and radio coverage was covered by these grants.

In addition, a \$1,200 grant was received from the Ware County Board of Health--Health Promotion Program to help teach nutrition, exercise, and healthy eating choices to youth in Bacon County. These funds will be used to implement programs such as Nutrition classes, which will be presented to special education classes at the Middle and High Schools, afterschool cooking classes on nutrition & healthy choices for 5th & 6th graders, Afterschool class on exercise and line dancing, for 5th & 6th graders, a Food Guide Pyramid poster contest for all grades, a Milkmake contest using dairy products & fruit, for the 5th & 6th graders, fruit drawing/coloring contest for the primary school, a newspaper article on Sugary Soda versus Wonderful Water for 5th-12th grades, and a 2 night class targeting adults titled, Nutrition on a Nickel.



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Colquitt County 4-H Youth Leadership Board

The Colquitt County 4-H Youth Leadership Board was recently awarded a \$400 "Teens Taking Charge" grant. This is the first year Colquitt County United Way has offered this program and the selection process was competitive. The 4-H Board members under the guidance of 4-H Agent Zona Medley devised a plan of action to better reach their 4-H audience during the summer. Each year, summer 4-H

workshops were planned and held with minimal success. Transportation has always been the reason why so many youth are unable to attend. With the grant funds provided, the Board plans to take the 4-H workshops to the audience. The Leadership Board will be creating and teaching "How to ..." classes, such as, "How to make Kick the Can Ice Cream" and "How to Prepare Healthy Snacks." The classes will be held in conjunction with the School Nutrition Summer Feeding Program sites throughout the county. Plans are to hold at least four workshops during the summer months with six to eight teens teaching different classes at each site.



Johnson County Grant Activity



Johnson County 4-H has recently received several grants, including a Grassroots Arts Grant, which was used for Johnson County 4-Hers to paint a beautiful garden mural on the walls of the Alzheimer's Community room at the Wrightsville Nursing Home. Students not only had the opportunity to interact with the elderly patients at the home, but were also able to "brush up" on their painting skills! The Grassroots funding, which is appropriated by the Georgia General Assembly, supports arts programs and services throughout the state.



A 4-Her practices on canvas prior to trying out her design on the wall.

Georgia 4-H

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