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Southwest Program of Distinction Wins Annie E. Casey Grant Award

Money is definitely on the mind of County Extension Faculty Kris Peavy and Dr. Laura Perry Johnson, 4-H Program Development Coordinator for Southwest District. Peavy and Johnson paved the way for their program Project Multi-Outreach Network Educating Youth (MONEY) to win a USDA National Program of Distinction and take top honors for the Annie E. Casey Family Strengthening Awards for Excellence announced this June. Peavy and Johnson will now administer a \$15,000 award to be used in their district to further the work of financial literacy with youth and families. The Southwest District Persistent Poverty Task Force, along with their curriculum team, composed of Peavy, Johnson, Alva Heidel, and Sandra McKinney, began the initiative in 2006 by hosting the "Growing Your Pot of Gold" financial literacy conference from which this program formed. As a follow-up, Peavy formed the Financial Literacy Youth (FLY) Task Force (pictured) which led programming in the communities of Randolph-Clay County. This is the third national Program of Distinction Award for Georgia, and the first ever Casey Award.



Fayette County Courthouse Restoration



Fayette County Courthouse

The Resource Education Center located at the Old Courthouse in Fayette County was selected to do a complete landscape transformation. Craig Gross, County Coordinator and 4-H Youth Development Agent met with the County Manager and was told that the county wanted to update the landscape and the county knew that Fayette County 4-H has two adequate resources that were essential for the success of the project; the Master Gardeners and 4-Her's! The Funding committee wrote three grants and received money from the Tree Legacy Program totaling over \$300,000. Usually these types of projects are not usually funded, the fact that it was based around education and community involvement; Fayette County currently has about 100 Master Gardeners and 4-H youth members in the project this fall. Their biggest audience will be the people and the business in the metro area to show a waster wise landscape and alternative irrigation planning concept.

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Check out the web at:

www.georgia4hfoundation.org/grants.htm

Visit the Extension grants page for the latest information in grant announcements, training resources, and grant service request forms.



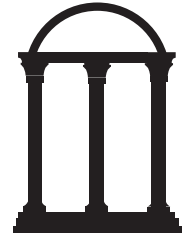
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Captain Planet Grant

Deadline Date: September 30

Amount: \$250-\$2,500

Description: Schools and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding to involve children ages 6-18 in hands-on involvement projects to promote the understanding of environmental issues, including up to \$500.00 for organic gardens.

Tiger Woods Foundation

Application Deadline: November 1

Amount: \$2,500-\$25,000

Description: Supports opportunities for underserved youth ages 5-17 through programs that focus on education and youth development in urban American cities.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation -- Community Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling

Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

Description: The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) is dedicated to improving the communities it serves through support of public education, community improvement projects, and home safety initiatives.

Champ A Champion Fur Kids Grants

Application Deadline: October 31

Amount: \$1,000-\$1,500

Purpose: Grants for children's health and wellness. Programs should provide direct support to children, such as child safety organizations or organizations that serve children with special needs.

Building Healthy Communities Grant

Application Deadline: December 15

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Description: Home Depot believes in the power of hands-on service of rolling our sleeves and getting dirty while working beside your neighbors to improve your community. Grants, up to \$2,500, are now available for using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are made in the form of the Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials.

Staples Foundation for Learning

Application Deadline: October 10-24

Amount: \$5,000-\$25,000

Description: The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning is to provide funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The foundation considers educational funding to be an investment in the future of our communities. Its goal is to help local groups, many of which include its customers and associates, with programs and services that will positively impact their community every day.

Tri-County EMC Grant

Application Deadline: December 1

Amount : Up to \$1,500

Description: Georgia certified Pre-K through 12 grade school teachers who demonstrate the best innovation, goals, learning objectives, student involvement and budget. Qualifying counties include Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, Twiggs and Wilkinson. Grants will be awarded up to \$1,500. You will be greeted in your classroom by the Bright Ideas Prize Team.

Coca Cola Foundation

Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

Amount: Varies

Description: The Coca-Cola Foundation supports high-quality education and encourages new solutions to the problems that impede educational systems today. It also supports programs that have been proven to work. The foundation makes grants to public and private colleges and universities, elementary and secondary schools, teacher training programs, educational programs for minority students, and global educational programs.

Hooked on Hydroponics

Application Deadline: September 18

Amount: Varies

Description: When children and teens explore how to grow plants hydroponically (without soil), fruitful questions bloom, and these questions can lead to active investigations and problem solving. Not least among the benefits is the joy students experience harvesting a crop of their own incredible edibles or bounteous blossoms! Schools and youth organizations must plan to engage in a hydroponics project with at least 15 children between the ages of 6 and 18 during the 2010 school year.

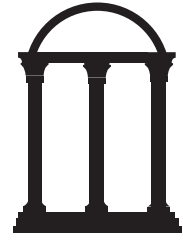


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Heinman Foundation for Research

Application Deadline: September 1

Amount: \$20,000-\$50,000

Description: The foundation's general interests include programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace, environmental research that will help prevent, reduce and/or eliminate water degradation, music as education and preserver of culture, and research into prevention of and treatment for childhood illnesses.

Green Your High School

Application Deadline: October 9

Amount: \$2,500-5,000

Description: The Student Conservation Association's Green Your School Contest is a national competition to stimulate and/or identify conservation service projects designed by high school students that improve, restore, beautify, or conserve their high school environment. To be eligible, projects must have been begun after August 1, 2008. Entries must be completed by a student s.

McKenzie Foundation

Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

Amount: Varies

Description: The purpose of the McKenzie Foundation is to encourage and support nonprofit programs, primarily in the areas of education, health, human services, and cultural and environmental concerns. Faced with the task of translating these broad-reaching goals into a more focused set of grant guidelines, the board has selected four initiatives that will shape its grant-making for the next few years; early childhood development, education, environment and arts and culture.

The Palmer Foundation

Application Deadline: January 31

Amount: Varies

Description: The foundation seeks to empower young people to reach their potential to become responsible contributors to their families and communities. The foundation considers only proposals that empower young people ages birth to 25.



Turner County SAFE Team received \$1500 Irwin EMC grant and \$1000 Wal-mart Community Pride

State Farm Company Grant

Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

Amount: Varies

State Farm® is committed to meeting the needs of our communities by focusing our giving in three areas: Safe Neighbors (safety), Strong Neighborhoods (community development), and Education Excellence (education).

Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Application Deadline: April 15

Amount: Varies:

Description: The ESA Foundation supports positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life, health, and welfare of America's youth. The interactive entertainment industry supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit youth of all races, denominations, and genders.

Nordstrom Contributes

Application Deadline: November 1

Amount: Varies

Description: Selected areas of focus are health and human services, community development, education and cultural enhancement.

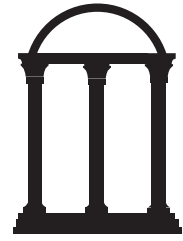


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Morgan County Grantsmanship

"My benefits have been and will continue to be the positive changes that this grant will be able to make in the lives of young people" says Program Assistant, Rolader from Morgan County. Morgan County recently received the Walton EMC for \$3,500.00 this past March. Rolader says that, "Through 4-H, children have great opportunities to do great things. However, there are still costs involved with those opportunities." The monies from this grant has the possibility to affect 600 Morgan county 4-Her's in some way, shape, form, or fashion.

Morgan County 4-H has always tried to keep registration fees and activity fess to a minimum for families by soliciting donors and applying for grants. This grant will allow us to continue to help children attend events that they may not otherwise be able to attend due to financial reasons. Funds from the Walton EMC grant have been and will be used for Project Achievement (Cloverleaf & Jr. /Sr.), Project Achievement supplies, Leadership Building Activities and Training, and registration fees for 4-H activities.



Morgan 4-H \$3500 Walton EMC Grant

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation

Application Deadline:

Amount: \$15,000-\$30,000

Description: Awarded grants are issued only to nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping low-income children and their families through quality childcare and early childhood education curriculum. Grants are made in the form of tuition subsidies, small renovation projects, and playground renovations.

The Tellabs Foundation

Application Deadline: September 1

Amount: \$10,000

Description: Supports local and national education programs with a particular focus on curricula for engineering, science, mathematics, and technology. The Foundation focuses its support on programs in areas in which Tellabs employees live and work. Unless invited by the Foundation Board to submit a full grant proposal, all new applicants or programs first must submit a letter of inquiry .

The General Mills Foundation

Application Deadline: January 1

Amount: \$10,000

Description: Champions for Healthy Kids grant program awards grants to each community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle.

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation

Application Deadline: December 1

Amount: \$5,000-\$50,000

Description: The foundation does not consider proposals to support locally focused, direct-service projects of organizations such as child-care centers, schools, and professional education programs.

National Garden Association

Application Deadline: November 2

Amount: \$500-\$1000

Description: Youth Garden Grants emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus nutrition , environmental awareness education, entrepreneurship, and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning.



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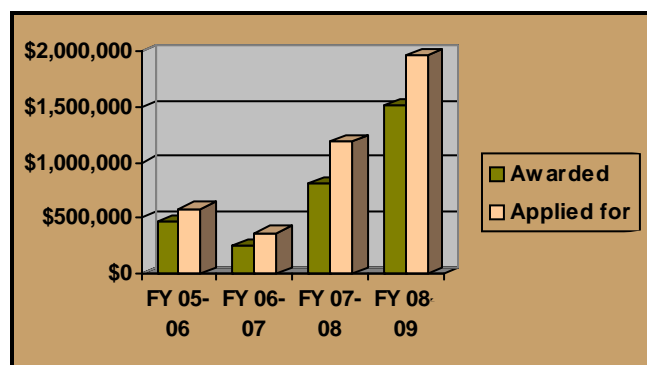
The recession is having an effect on all of us, and tough times call for creative measures from Cooperative Extension employees across the state and nation. Over the past four fiscal years, grant application from UGA Cooperative Extension faculty and staff has dramatically increased. In 2008-2009, over \$1.9 million in funding was applied for with \$1.54 million in funding received to support Cooperative Extension programming. Most recently, recorded grant application has increased by 60% from last fiscal year. Grant acquisition is also up 44% from last year's total of \$812, 848. Our captured data re-

veals that the Georgia 4-H Foundation and Extension have received \$3 million in grant revenue since July 2005. Increases have resulted from a variety of reasons such as higher numbers of grant applications and greater understanding of the grant process through diversified training strategies. This fiscal year 58 grant applications were recorded, as compared to 43 in FY 07-08, and 36 in FY 06-07.

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There are a variety of reasons that our grant numbers have increased. Having more grants submitted is largely due to a “culture of grantsmanship” that is becoming embedded into the Extension lifestyle. County and State Extension Faculty/Staff are understanding that they can receive grant awards and are becoming more aware of opportunities. Many employees are feeling intense pressure from supervisors to bring in grant dollars to support general programming, salaries, travel, and most special interest projects. This fiscal year, \$502,543 of grant dollars received went directly to county programs as compared to \$ 191,386 in FY 07-08. State programs applied for and received \$1,037,974 of grant dollars this fiscal year as compared to \$624,462 last year, and \$169,361 in FY 06-07. Grant amounts to state sources

increased exponentially due to several noteworthy partnerships with the Department of Community Affairs, Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR), and increased funding to the Military Project. Extension professionals are collaborating to find funding utilizing grant sources from a variety of state, federal, and private foundation sources. It is refreshing to see Extension employees put into practice these skills to sustain the ability to make a positive impact on the lives of people.



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