



Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful.

This Guide will describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

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- [\\$47,500 in Funding for Camden Municipal Airport](#)
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- [\\$47,500 in Funding for Jackson Municipal Airport](#)
- [\\$69,234 in Funding for Vaiden Field Airport](#)
- [\\$46,800 in Funding to Recruit Volunteer Firefighters in Dallas County](#)



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Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit www.grants.gov. It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

National Endowment for the Arts

For guidance about how to apply for an NEA grant, please visit:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP-presentation.html>

Program:	Grants for Arts Projects CFDA No. 45.024
Deadline:	August 11, 2011
Description:	To support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts. Within these areas, innovative projects are strongly encouraged. An organization may request a grant amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000.
How to Apply:	http://nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/ArtsEdAW.html

Program:	Challenge America Fast-Track: To support projects that extends the reach of the arts to underserved populations.
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- Deadline:** May 26, 2011
- Funding:** Grants are for \$10,000.
- How to Apply:** <http://nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP12/Challenge.html>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Announces New Broadband Program and Interim Regulations to Help Expand Economic Opportunity in Rural Areas

- New Program Will Build Foundation for Rural Areas to Win the Future
- The application guide to assist in preparing of applications is available at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_farmbill.html

The USDA is accepting applications for loan guarantees in the Biorefinery Assistance Program; Repowering Assistance Program; and the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels.

- Program:** Biorefinery Assistance Program
- Deadline:** May 10, 2011
- Federal Funding:** \$463 Million
- Description:** The USDA is seeking applications to increase the production and use of renewable energy sources. Funding is available from three USDA Rural Development renewable energy programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). The Biorefinery Assistance Program provides loan guarantees to develop and construct commercial-scale biorefineries or to retrofit existing facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels.
- How to Apply:** Details about how to apply are available in the March 11, 2011 Federal Register, page 13351.
- Website:** <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2011/03/0116.xml>

Program: The Repowering Assistance Program

Deadline: June 9, 2011

Federal Funding: \$25 million

Description: USDA's Repowering Assistance Program is designed to encourage the use of renewable biomass as a replacement fuel source for fossil fuels used to process heat or power in the operation of eligible biorefineries (those biorefineries in existence on June 18, 2008 -- the date the 2008 Farm Bill was enacted). Eligible project costs will be only for project related construction costs for repowering improvements associated with the equipment, installation, engineering, design, site plans, associated professional fees, permits and financing fees. Under this notice, USDA is making available approximately \$25 million to make payments to eligible biorefineries.

How to Apply: Details about how to apply are available in the March 11, 2011 Federal Register, page 13349.

Website:<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&content=2011/03/0116.xml>

Program: The Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels

Deadline: May 10, 2011

Federal Funding: \$85 Million

Description: USDA's Bioenergy Program for Advance Fuels works to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels by providing payments to eligible advanced biofuels producers. To be eligible for payments, advanced biofuels must be produced from renewable biomass, excluding corn kernel starch, in a biofuel facility located in a state. Advanced biofuels are derived from renewable biomass to include cellulose, sugar and starch, crop residue, vegetative waste material, animal waste, food and yard waste, vegetable oil, animal fat, and biogas (including landfill gas and sewage waste treatment gas).

How to Apply: Details about how to apply are available in the March 11, 2011 Federal Register, page 13345.

Website: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2011/03/0116.xml>

Program: Community Connect Grant Program

Deadline: May 3, 2011

Description: USDA Funds may be used to build broadband infrastructure and establish a community center which offers free public access to broadband for two years. USDA Invites Applications for Grants to Connect Rural Communities to Broadband Service.

How to Apply: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_commconnect.html

Program: Connecting Rural America: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (Rural Utilities Program)

Deadline: April 25, 2011

Description: The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program is specifically designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunications technologies.

How to Apply: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/supportdocuments/2011-dlt-app-guide-Final-Feb-23-2011.pdf>

Program: Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)

Deadline: April 29, 2011

Federal Funding: Funding for this project was a direct result of a grant proposal by the Alabama Farmers Federation, the Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee, and the Alabama Universities Irrigation Initiative.

Description: The Agricultural Water Enhancement Program promotes ground and surface water conservation and improves water quality by helping farmers and ranchers implement agricultural water

enhancement activities. Alabama AWEP will focus on the installation of upland storage ponds. Stored water will be used during the summer for irrigation.

How to Apply: <http://www.alfafarmers.org/headlines/headline.phtml?id=5922>

Program: USDA Announces Value-Added Producer Grant Program Changes

Begins: These changes take effect on March 25, 2011

Description: Deputy Agriculture Secretary Kathleen Merrigan recently announced changes to the Value Added Producer Grant Program that will provide additional opportunities to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. The changes will also assist independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and will support local and regional supply networks. "Improvements to this popular program will create additional economic and job opportunities by helping owners of small and medium-sized family farms sell their products in local and regional markets, part of our drive to 'win the future,'" Merrigan said. "USDA investments such as these are part of the Obama administration's work to support farmers, ranchers and rural businesses."

How to Apply: http://www.thetandd.com/business/article_381eec86-46cc-11e0-91c9-001cc4c03286.html

U.S. Department of Education

Program: National Professional Development Program Grant

Deadline: May 2, 2011

Federal Funding: \$275,000 max and \$40,000 minimum

Description: Grants support professional development activities that are designed to improve classroom instruction for English learners (ELs) and will assist educational personnel working with such children.

How to Apply: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-6459.htm>

Program: Advanced Placement Incentive Program (Federal Register: March 16, 2011 [CFDA# 84.330C])

Deadline: April 15, 2011

Federal Funding: \$200,000-\$650,000

Description: The Advanced Placement Incentive (API) program awards competitive grants designed to increase the successful participation of low-income students in advanced placement courses and tests. The program expands opportunities for low-income students to take college-level classes and earn college credit while still in high school. The program also supports efforts to raise the rigor of the academic curriculum for all students attending high-poverty schools.

How to Apply: <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2011-1/031611a.html>

Program: Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant Program (Federal March 10, 2011 [CFDA# 84.371C])

Deadline: April 1st for intent and May 9th for transmittal

Federal Funding: \$178,000,000

Description: The purpose of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy grant program (SRCL) is to advance literacy skills -- including pre-literacy skills, reading, and writing -- for students from birth through grade 12, including limited-English-proficient students and students with disabilities.

How to Apply: <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2011-1/031011e.html>

Program: Paraprofessional Pre-service Program Improvement Grants
CFDA# 84.325N]

Deadline: April 25, 2011

Federal Funding: Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$150,000

Description: The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for highly qualified personnel -- in special education, related services, early intervention, and regular education -- to work with infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experience, to be successful in serving those children.

How to Apply: <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2011-1/031111b.html>

Program: Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Grant Program
(Federal Register: February 23, 2011 [CFDA# 84.382A])

Deadline: April 25, 2011

Federal Funding: Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$600,000.
Estimated Number of Awards: 25

Description: The purpose of the Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI) Program is to strengthen PBIs to carry out programs in the following areas: science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM); health education; internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; or improving educational outcomes of African-American males.

How to Apply: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/pbi/index.html>

U.S. Department of Energy

Program: Catalytic Upgrading of Thermochemical Intermediates to Hydrocarbons

Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000467

Deadline: 5/6/2011

How to Apply: <https://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect?doc=DE-FOA-0000467&agency=DOE>

Program: Theoretical Research in Magnetic Fusion Energy Science

Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000480

Deadline: 5/26/2011

How to Apply: <https://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect?doc=DE-FOA-0000480&agency=DOE>

Program: Research and Development for Hydrogen Storage

Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000421

Deadline: 4/29/2011

How to Apply: <https://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect?doc=DE-FOA-0000421&agency=DOE>

Program: Advanced Gasification: Novel CO₂ Utilization Systems, Improvements & Optimization

Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000496

Deadline: 5/20/2011

How to Apply: <https://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect?doc=DE-FOA-0000496&agency=DOE>

Program: Applications of Nuclear Science and Technology Initiative

Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000450

Deadline: 4/25/2011

How to Apply: <https://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect?doc=DE-FOA-0000450&agency=DOE>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Program: NINDS Program Project Grant (P01) --93.853 -- Extramural Research Programs in the Neurosciences and Neurological Disorders

Deadline: May 7, 2014

Description: This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is issued by the NIH - National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to enable submission of program project grant applications that propose to conduct innovative, interactive research to answer significant scientific questions that are important for the mission of NINDS, via a synergistic collaboration between outstanding scientists who might not otherwise collaborate.

How to Apply: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-172.html>

Program: Program Project on Alcohol-Related Research (P01) - 93.273 - Alcohol Research Programs

Deadline: May 25, 2012

Description: NIH - The NIAAA Program Project initiative supports interdisciplinary research on a wide variety of areas including, but not limited to: the nature, causes, consequences, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of alcohol abuse and alcoholism; and in addition the development of new approaches and methodologies to pursue this research.

How to Apply: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-174.html>

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Program: Alabama Foreclosure Prevention Program

Do You Qualify for *Alabama's Hardest Hit Program*?

Description: You May qualify if:

- You are eligible to receive Unemployment Compensation Benefits
- Your total household income is less than \$75,740 at time of application
- You owe no more than \$258,690 on your home's mortgage

Information: <http://www.hardesthitalabama.com/>

U.S. Department of Justice

Program: FY 2011 Community Policing Development Program

Deadline: Thursday, April 21, 2011, 5:00 PM EDT

Description: The DOJ Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices that are national in scope. The 2011 CPD grant program has been established to fund projects related to one of the following topic areas:

- Policing in a New Economy (COPS-CPD-2011-1)
- Ethics and Integrity (COPS-CPD-2011-2)
- Children and Youth Safety (COPS-CPD-2011-3)
- Role of Community Policing in Homeland Security (COPS-CPD-2011-4)
- Urban Violence (COPS-CPD-2011-5)
- Open Topics (COPS-CPD-2011-06)
- Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) Training and Technical Assistance (COPS-CPD-2011-7)
- Basic Community Policing Technical Assistance Program (COPS-CPD-2011-8)
- Critical Response Technical Assistance Program (COPS-CPD-2011-9)
- Core Community Policing Curriculum Program (COPS-CPD-2011-10)

How to Apply: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2450>

Program: OVW Fiscal Year 2011 Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition Program

Deadline: April 28, 2011

Description: Building the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women's organizations and victim service providers to advance the goal of ending violence against American Indian and Alaska native women.

How to Apply: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=G2JtNKqGb7m1CpJT2mysdVZwVT5Q951yT8GPyQJLWKXXCgzQ0nK6!-899086308?oppId=81573&mode=VIEW>

Program: 2011 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

Deadline: April 21, 2011

Description: The Department of Justice is proud to announce the second year of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). As you are aware, through the Fiscal Year 2010 CTAS awarded nearly \$127 million to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to enhance law enforcement, bolster justice systems, prevent youth substance abuse, address violence

against women, serve crime victims, and support other efforts to combat crime.

How to Apply: <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/ctas11.html>

Program: Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring to Non Profit Org

Deadline: April 21, 2011

Federal Funding: \$300,000.00

Description: The Second Chance Act Grant Programs Are Designed To Help Communities Develop And Implement Comprehensive And Collaborative Strategies That Address The Challenges Posed By Offender Reentry And Recidivism Reduction.

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/5>

Program: OJJDP FY 2011 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program

Deadline: May 23, 2011

Federal Funding: \$2,200,000

Description: Dept of Justice - A growing number of communities have adopted multi-strategy, multi-disciplinary approaches to reduce the violence that has adversely affected youth, families, and neighborhoods across America. This program provides funding for localities to support federal, state, and local partnerships to replicate proven multi-disciplinary, community-based strategies to reduce violence.

How to Apply: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yJM9NL9bzHg33hcvJ6LvxzBWvBJrQYx090kyLm2RF5hW3nl4dXfK!-899086308?oppId=81313&mode=VIEW>

Program: SMART FY 2011 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance Program – CFDA – 16.203

Deadline: April 28, 2011

Federal Funding: \$1,850,000

Description: Dept of Justice - Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Program (CASOM) - The CASOM Program is authorized for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to sex offender management personnel in the areas of case management, treatment, and supervision.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=78673>

Program: BJA FY 11 Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs- CFDA Number(s):16.751 -- Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program

Deadline: 04/21/2011

Federal Funding: Award ceiling - \$350,000

Description: Dept of Justice - BJA is seeking proposals from eligible organizations to develop and implement new and innovative strategies that better enable local criminal justice systems to prevent and respond to emerging and chronic crime problems that affect many communities in the United States.

How to Apply:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=73633>

U.S. Department of Labor

- Program:** Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program - SGA-DFA-PY-10-03
- Deadline:** April 21, 2011
- Federal Funding:** The Department intends to fund grants ranging from \$2.5 million to \$5 million for individual applicants and from \$2.5 million to \$20 million for consortium applicants.
- Description:** These funds are available to eligible institutions of higher education to serve workers who are eligible for training under the TAA for workers program in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The TAACCCT provides community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less, are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program, and prepare program participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.
- How to Apply:** <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-03.pdf>
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- Program:** Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration (ETJD) - SGA-DFA-PY-10-11
- Deadline:** April 15, 2011
- Federal Funding:** \$40 million from Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010
- Description:** Dept of Labor - To support successful applicants in providing enhanced transitional jobs (ETJ) programs, as well as other activities and services, to increase the workforce participation of low-income, hard-to-employ populations, specifically non-custodial parents and/or ex-offenders reentering their communities. ETA intends to fund grantees proposing to implement ETJ program models that go beyond transitional jobs (TJ) programs currently operating or tested previously. ETA seeks applications from either Local Workforce Investment Boards or non-profit community or faith-based organizations with 501(c)(3) IRS status

with experience with providing TJ programs, or that represents a partnership that includes an organization with experience providing TJ programs.

How to Apply: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-10-11.pdf>

Program: Stand Down Grants

Federal Funding: A maximum of \$10,000 per multi-day event or \$7,000 for a one-day event can be awarded.

Description: The U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service today announced the availability of \$600,000 in "Stand Down" grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the department's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program.

How to Apply: <http://s.dol.gov/D9>

U.S. General Services Administration

Program: Computers for Learning

Description: In order to advocate and promote the reuse of computers, GSA is proud to sponsor the new re-engineered Computers for Learning (CFL) website. The CFL program assists federal agencies to meet the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 12999, "Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century". The EO directs agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to give highest preference to schools and nonprofit organizations, including community-based educational organizations, (schools and educational nonprofit organizations) with the transfer, through gift or donation, of computers and related peripheral equipment excess to their needs. The CFL program represents an important contribution to EO 12999, which includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new

technologies effectively, and encourage the use of innovative educational software.

For Information: <http://computersforlearning.gov/>

Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Program: Better World Book Offers Funding for Library Literacy Programming

Deadline: March 25, 2011

Description: [Better World Books](#), has announced the launch of the LEAP Grants (Literacy and Education in Action Program) for Libraries. LEAP provides funding for specific projects beyond the company's regular revenue contributions to Better World nonprofit partners. A total of \$75,000 is available in this round of grants. Grants will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Visit the Better World Books Web site for complete program information and application procedures.

How to Apply: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=331500027

Program: Target Stores Grant Program Invites Applications for Youth Reading and Arts Programs

Deadline: April 30, 2011

Description: Target Store Grant program provides grants to K-12 schools and other nonprofit organizations that provide reading and arts programs for children and youth. Grants in both funding categories will be for \$2,000 each.

How to Apply:
http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=331500027

Program: Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award Grant from the National Council For Social Studies

Deadline: May 1, 2011

Description: The Purpose Of The \$2,500 Grant Is To Help A Social Studies Educator Make His Or Her Dream Of Innovative Social Studies A Reality. Grants Will Be Given To Assist Classroom Teachers In: 1) Developing And Implementing Imaginative, Innovative, And Illustrative Social Studies Teaching Strategies; And 2) Supporting Student Implementation Of Innovative Social Studies, Citizenship Projects, Field Experiences, And Community Connections

How to Apply: <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/8>

Program: America the Beautiful Fund

Description: Operation Green Plant - Free Seeds! America the Beautiful Fund is a national non-profit organization started in 1965 to encourage volunteer citizen efforts and to protect the natural and historic beauty of America. To request a grant of vegetable seeds, flower seeds and/or herb seeds:

How to Apply: http://www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/free_seeds_flyer_11.pdf

Program: Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grants

Deadline: April 01, 2011

Funding: Maximum Award Average is \$39,000

Description: The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) will initially evaluate your request based on the following key criteria – Does this project... Increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs? Improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs? Create new or innovative ways of expanding and improving baseball or softball programs? Generate matching funds? Address programs for children aged 10-16? Support existing programs which have demonstrated success in providing a quality baseball or softball experience for youth? Address opportunities for minorities and women?

How to Apply: http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf_grant_process.jsp

Program: Legacy Competitive Grants

Deadline: April 29, 2011

Funding: \$10,000

Description: Legacy provides environmental education grants annually through the Competitive Grants Program. Funds for this program are allocated specifically to assist with helping to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. Any non-profit/tax exempt Alabama organization or school planning a community based environmental program is encouraged to apply.

How to Apply: <http://www.legacyenvd.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/sub-menu-1>

Environmental Education in Alabama Grants

Website: <http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.0.37934&tid=85010>

- **GRO1000 Grassroots Grant**

To help foster the development of gardens and green spaces in the U.S., Scotts Miracle-Gro is awarding GRO1000 Grassroots Grants up to \$1,500 (monetary and in-kind support). Eligible garden and green space beautification projects should incorporate the involvement and engagement of neighborhood residents and foster a sense of community spirit. Electronic applications due March 31, 2011

- **Nature Hills Nursery Green America Awards**

The Nature Hills Nursery Green America Awards are designed to give national recognition and \$5,000 in plants to community groups and organizations that are improving their local environments. Apply by April 1, 2011.

- **American Wilderness Leadership School Scholarships**

The American Wilderness Leadership School was established in 1976 with the vision of providing educators with a useful, hands-on experience that they can use in the classroom. Teachers will have the opportunity to attend an eight-day course on wildlife conservation, land management issues and more. Teachers can apply for sponsorship to their local Safari Club International chapter by April 1, 2011.

- **Jamba Juice Fruit Tree Grants**

Schools and community garden programs in the U.S. gardening with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible to apply for this grant. Twenty recipients will receive fruit trees valued at \$500 and the Jamba Juice It's All About the Fruit Youth Garden Guide. Apply by April 11, 2011.

- **National Marine Educators Association Stipends and Scholarships -**

The National Marine Educators Association is offering scholarships and stipends to attend its annual conference, June 29 to July 3, 2011 at Northeastern University in Boston. Each program has its own deadline: March 1, April 1 and April 15, 2011.

- **Dorothy Stout Professional Development Grants**

The National Association of Geoscience Teachers awards \$750 grants to faculty and students at two-year colleges and K-12 teachers to support participation in Earth science classes or workshops; attendance at professional scientific or science education meetings; participation in Earth science field trips; purchase of Earth science materials for classroom use. Applications must be received by April 15, 2011.

Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS

CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

Deadline: June 1, 2011

Description This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship

Deadline: June 1, 2011

Description: This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC Spouses partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship

Deadline: April 29, 2011

Description: Established in the year 2000, the CBC Spouses Heineken USA Performing Arts Scholarship program was developed in honor of the late Curtis Mayfield to ensure that students pursuing a career in the performing arts receive the financial assistance to achieve their goals.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship

Deadline: April 29, 2011

Description: The CBC Spouses Visual Arts Scholarship was established in 2006 for students who are pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBCF Louis Stokes Health Scholars Program

Deadline: April 14, 2011

Description: The Louis Stokes Health Scholars program seeks to increase the number of qualified, yet underrepresented, college students entering the health workforce. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate an interest to work in underserved communities. Students currently attending two-year institutions are strongly encouraged to apply.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

CBCF/Wal-Mart Strive for Excellence Scholarship

Deadline: April 1, 2011

Description: The Strive for Excellence scholarship was established in 2006 with a generous gift from Walmart to expand CBCF scholarship and internship programs. Walmart believes in a philosophy of operating globally and giving back locally. Accordingly, scholarship recipients have demonstrated the potential to make the greatest impact on the local community. The Strive for Excellence scholarship requires that the CBC member elect to participate in the program.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

Environmental Studies Scholarship

Deadline: April 14, 2011

Description: The Environmental Studies scholarship seeks to provide financial awards to minority and women college students pursuing a degree in environmental science or other related fields of study. Applicants should have a junior class standing in college with a declared major in environmental science or a related field, and understanding and acceptance of ServiceMaster's core values. This scholarship offers \$5,000 per semester to two students.

Website: <http://www.cbcfinc.org/scholarships>

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

Fast Web

Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Scholarship Experts

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

Section V RESOURCES

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation
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434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-264-6223

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County
c/o The Southeastern Alabama Community Foundation
434 N. McDonough Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 251-438-5591

Black Belt Community Foundation
609 Lauderdale Street
Selma, AL 36701-4555
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director

The Greater Brewton Foundation
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Brewton, AL 36427
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama
1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 100
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Contact: Wayne Carmello-Harper, President and CEO
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Columbus, GA 31902-1620
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1000 First Street North
Alabaster, AL 35007
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154-A St. Louis St.
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