

Oregon GEAR UP Newsletter February 19, 2004

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1. Nominations Invited for Yoshiyama Award for High School Seniors Involved in Community Service Deadline: April 1, 2004

A program of the Hitachi Foundation (<http://www.hitachi.org/>), the Yoshiyama Award annually honors up to twelve high school seniors from around the country for their community-service activities.

The award is accompanied by a gift of \$5,000, dispensed over two years. Recipients may use the award at their discretion. The award is not a scholarship. Recipients are invited to participate in a special award ceremony in Washington, D.C., and a retreat with other awardees -- activities designed to allow recipients to exchange ideas and strategies, develop a network, and increase their leadership skills and knowledge of effective social change.

High school seniors from the U.S. and its territories are eligible to be nominated. Award selection is based on the significance and extent of the nominee's service to the community, and not on grade point averages, SAT scores, or school club memberships. Nominees need not be college bound.

Students must be nominated for the award. The foundation accepts nominations on annual basis from people directly familiar with the nominee's service, such as community leaders, service providers, teachers, school principals, and/or members of the clergy.

Nominators are encouraged to keep the nominations confidential. Self- and parental nominations are automatically disqualified.

See the Hitachi Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines.

RFP Link: <http://www.hitachi.org/yoshiyama/index.html>

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**2. Wal-Mart Announces Launch of Teacher of the Year Program  
Deadline: February 29, 2004**

Wal-Mart Stores and Sam's Club invite nominations for the ninth annual Teacher of the Year program. In 2004, Wal-Mart, which works with Phi Delta Kappa International ( <http://www.pdkintl.org/> ) to implement this annual teacher recognition program, will donate \$4.3 million to the schools of winning teachers across the United States.

The winning teachers will receive \$1,000 each from the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foundation to benefit their schools. Winning teachers also have the opportunity to apply for state and national Teacher of the Year honors. In 2004, state winners will receive an additional \$10,000 grant and will automatically be entered in the national competition. The national winner will receive an additional \$25,000 grant, for a total of \$36,000 to his or her school.

Anyone can recommend an outstanding teacher by visiting a local Wal-Mart store, Supercenter, Neighborhood Market, or Sam's Club and filling out a nomination form. Nomination forms also can be downloaded from the Phi Delta Kappa Web site and turned in at any Wal-Mart store or club.

RFP Link: <http://www.pdkintl.org/walmart/home.htm>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:  
<http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/education.jhtml>

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3. AeA Technology Scholarships - Deadline: March 1

March 1st deadline approaches for unique AeA Technology Scholarships. The clock is ticking for talented students across Oregon to apply for the 2004 Oregon AeA Technology Scholarship. This "by Oregon-for Oregon" program will award \$10,000 scholarships to high school seniors interested in disciplines related to engineering and computer science, including chemistry, math, and physics. Much more than a scholarship, the four-year award provides each recipient a long-term mentorship with an industry professional, and in most cases, a paid summer internship at the sponsor company. Program details and application materials are available at <http://www.ous.edu/ecs/scholarships.html>.

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**4. Free Training and Curriculum for Oregon Teachers**

On March 6th, middle school teachers from across the state can attend a free training workshop introducing Beyond the Oregon Trail: Oregon's Untold History. Developed by educational experts, this new history

curriculum explores the experiences of Native Americans, whites, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinos from before statehood through the present day. For more information: [www.beyondtheoregontrail.org](http://www.beyondtheoregontrail.org). Contact: Julie Gallagher: [training@beyondtheoregontrail.org](mailto:training@beyondtheoregontrail.org) or 503-331-3922.

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5. Grants for School Counseling Programs - Deadline: March 19

Elementary & Secondary School Counseling Programs
Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Elementary & Secondary School Counseling program is to award grants to local educational agencies for the purpose of establishing or expanding elementary & secondary school counseling programs.
Applications Available: February 3, 2004. Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 19, 2004. Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 18, 2004. Eligible applicants: Local educational agencies. Estimated available funds: \$11,500,000. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Secretary may make additional awards in FY 2005 from the rank-ordered list of unfunded applicants from this competition. Estimated Range of Awards: \$250,000-\$400,000. Maximum Award: Section 5421(a)(5) of the Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. 7245 (ESEA) limits the amount of a grant under this program in any one year to a maximum of \$400,000. Estimated Number of Awards: 35. Additional Information: Applicable regulations, priorities, & other information are available in the Federal Register notice. Additional information is available online at: www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-1/020304b.html

Even though this is primarily directed at elementary schools, GEAR UP is a positive link and could be used to show that you are approaching change and improvement on systematic and aligned manner. Ideas might include middle school counselors can do transition advising to elementary school students in a manner similar to what high schools do with middle schools. Another idea is to use Middle school GEAR UP students as peer mentors in support of a strong elementary school counseling program.

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**6. INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in Portland May 9-15**

It's HUGE and it's COMING! Don't be left out! Be a part of the most exciting, humongous, awesome event ever hosted in Portland, Oregon (USA). More than 1,200 young science pioneers from approximately 40 countries will be competing for \$3 million in awards and scholarships at the stunning and spacious new Oregon Convention Center. More information including instructions for registering your classes available at: <http://www.intelisef2004.org/>

There may be other opportunities for GEAR UP schools to participate. More details to follow.

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7. CREADE Course reimbursements

For the first time beginning spring term, the CREADE office will begin directly reimbursing tuition assistance (by check) at course completion. This means that you pay the full tuition when you register, and receive the tuition assistance

monies upon successful completion of the course(s). This is the same procedure that many school districts (as well as businesses) use for tuition reimbursement, and will help to hold down costs at each participating campus by centralizing reimbursement processes.

GEAR UP teachers will be reimbursed for 50% of the tuition upon registering for the courses with the remaining 50% coming at course completion. Teachers will be asked to sign an agreement stating that in the event that the course is not complete, the registration funds will be returned to the GEAR UP office. If teachers in your building would like to take advantage of this opportunity have them contact Stephanie Carnahan at stephanie_carnahan@ous.edu.

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