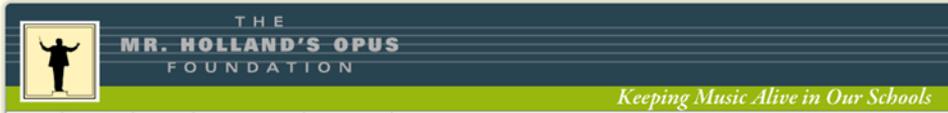




The Grant Grapevine



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The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation keeps music alive in our schools and communities by donating musical instruments to under-funded music programs, giving youngsters the many benefits of music education, helping them to be better students and inspiring creativity and expression through playing music.

We believe that kids thrive when given the chance to learn and play music. Putting an instrument into their hands improves the quality of their education and their lives. The window is brief and all kids deserve a chance to play music in school!

- **Melody Program helps K-12 school instrumental music programs that take place during the regular school day.**

Public, private and charter schools may apply, however, **schools must be Title 1 or serve a population of at least 40% that qualify for the National Lunch Program.** Schools must have an established instrumental music program (i.e. concert band, marching band, jazz band and/or orchestra) that is **at least three years old.** Schools must have an existing inventory of instruments. Schools must apply separately. Teachers that teach at more than one school within the school district can only apply for one school per grant cycle.

[Click here to access the Melody Pre-Qualification form.](#)

- **Special Projects Program** helps before and after-school music programs.

Programs must be **at least three years old and serve primarily school-age youth from low-income families, or students that attend Title 1 schools.** Programs must have an existing inventory of instruments. Full or partial requests may be awarded consisting of new and/or refurbished instruments.

[Click here to access the Special Projects Pre-Qualification form.](#)

Remember when applying for a grant:

1. Submit the proposal to the Grants Management Office c/o Federal Programs (259-3283 ext 858086)
2. Make sure the project aligns with the School Improvement Plan and/or the MNPS Achieves Strategic Plan
3. Get pre-approval from the building administrator



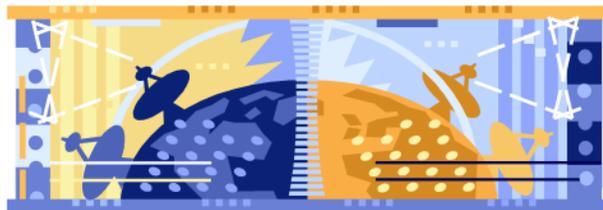


The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), founded in 1944 and headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, is the largest organization in the world committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. NSTA's current [membership](#) of 60,000 includes science teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in and committed to science education.

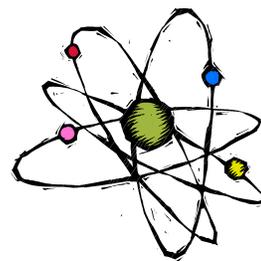
In the summer of 2010, NSTA unveiled its new strategic plan, [NSTA Strategic Goals 2010](#). NSTA Strategic Goals 2010 identifies four critical goals that will guide and inform the association's efforts over the next five years:

1. Promote active participation of all teachers of science in improving science education
2. Advocate for the central role of science education to benefit students and society
3. Support high-quality science teaching to improve student learning for the 21st century

Influence research in science education and promote its wide application to improve science teaching and student learning



- ["Angela" Award](#)
- [DCAT "Making a Difference" Award](#)
- [Delta Education/Frey-Neo/CPO Science Education Awards for Inquiry-based Science Teaching](#)
- [Distinguished Informal Science Education Award](#)
- [Distinguished Service to Science Education Awards](#)
- [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)
- [Faraday Science Communicator Award](#)
- [Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers](#)
- [Ron Mardigian Memorial Biotechnology Explorer Award](#)
- [NSTA Fellow Award](#)
- [NSTA Legacy Award](#)
- [Robert H. Carleton Award](#)
- [SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment Environmental Educator of the Year](#)
- [Shell Science Teaching Award](#)
- [STEM Educator Award](#)
- [Sylvia Shugrue Award for Elementary School Teachers](#)
- [Vernier Technology Awards](#)
- [Wendell G. Mohling Outstanding Aerospace Educator Award](#)





THE MATHEMATICS EDUCATION TRUST:

Supporting Teachers ... Reaching Students ... Building Futures

Mission: The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) channels the generosity of contributors through the creation and funding of grants, awards, honors, and other projects that support the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning.

Opportunities to expand your professional horizons!

- provides funds to support classroom teachers in improving classroom practices and increasing teachers' mathematical knowledge.
- offers grants for prospective teachers and NCTM's Affiliates
- recognizes the lifetime achievement of leaders in mathematics education.

The NCTM Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented annually following a nomination and selection process. Other awards are available through a competitive process based on proposals submitted by individual applicants.

Deadline	Grades PreK-5 Teachers
Nov. 11, 2011	Emerging Teacher-Leaders in Elementary School Mathematics Grants Teacher Professional Development Grants Using Music to Teach Mathematics Grants Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry Grants Classroom Research Grants Mathematics Course Work Scholarships Future Leader Initial NCTM Annual Conference Attendance Awards
Deadline	Grades 6-8 Teachers
Nov. 11, 2011	Teacher Professional Development Grants Engaging Students in Learning Mathematics Grants Equity in Mathematics Grants Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry Grants Classroom Research Grants (PreK-6) Classroom Research Grants (7-12) Mathematics Graduate Course Work Scholarships Summer Mathematics Study Grants Future Leader Initial NCTM Annual Conference Attendance Awards
Deadline	Grades 9-12 Teachers
Nov. 11, 2011	Connecting Mathematics to Other Subject Areas Grants Teacher Professional Development Grants Classroom Research Grants (7-12) Mathematics Graduate Course Work Scholarships Future Leader Initial NCTM Annual Conference Attendance Awards
Deadline	Prospective Teachers
Nov. 11, 2011	Prospective Teacher NCTM Annual Conference Attendance Awards

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Where can I find additional information to apply for grants?

Our Mission

The effective and efficient acquisition and management of grant funds to drive the mission and vision of MNPS.

Our Focus

- Grant/Funding Acquisition and Management
 - Grant/Funding Facilitation
 - Compliance and Data Management

The Office of Federal Programs and Grant Management will work in all three focus areas to provide seamless service to the District and Schools.

The MNPS Policy (<http://www.policy.mnps.org/AssetFactory.aspx?did=48744>) and Procedures (<http://www.policy.mnps.org/AssetFactory.aspx?did=48745>) provide guidance in the application, submission, approval, and monitoring of all grants no matter how large OR how small the funding amount might be.

The Grant Management Handbook will assist you with all phases of the grant writing process. Included in this handbook is a FAQs section to address many of the recurring questions potential grant writers may have. This document may be found at <http://www.mnps.org/Asset42450.aspx?method=1>

Remember that you should contact the Grants Acquisition Office and complete a Grant Pre-Approval Brief at <http://www.mnps.org/AssetFactory.aspx?did=37753> BEFORE you submit the proposal application.

The Grants Management Office is here to help you in anyway we can. Please feel free to give us a call at 259-3282 ext 858086.

Grant funding takes a little work, to find funding, to complete the funding applications, to secure funding, and to manage the grant once funding is secured but the rewards are incredible and an excellent opportunity for students, teachers, parents, and the community to work together for a common goal.

Some online resources include:

http://www.publiceducation.org/newsblast_grants.asp

<http://foundationcenter.org/>

Other districts can also be an excellent resource for funding however, it is vital that you make sure the funding is available for our district, city, state, or even region. An outstanding grants resource is Clark County School District (CCSD): http://sssd.ccsd.net/gda_grantopps.html Make sure that you can receive funding for any grant in which you apply. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Grants Management Office.