

Funding Education Technology

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2004-2005 Education Technology Grants – Canada

Many private schools are not aware of the education technology grant monies available to them. Education technology will continue to be a burden to our schools, unless we take advantage of the funds mentioned below. Continue to add to this list as we help each other out. For example, I've listed details of various grants awarded to my classroom in the past few years. What's happening in other provinces? Post your findings on CAT~net and share some of your education technology initiatives that were made possible as a result of these funds.

1. National Geographic Teacher Grants

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/teacher_community/get_grant.html

Funding school-based projects that promote stewardship of cultural and natural resources AND geographic knowledge through education. High-impact projects that directly engage students in the power and relevancy of geographic skills, the uses of geography and a spatial perspective are encouraged.

Amount: Up to \$5 000

Deadline: June 10 each year

2. Provincial Technology Grants

AB

<http://www.aisca.ab.ca/abfundg.htm>

Initiative for School Improvement = **\$72 per student**

SuperNet Access = **\$302.10/month per school**

Learning Resources = **\$10.46 per student**

BC

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/>

SK

<http://www.sasked.gov.sk.ca/>

MB

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/>

ON

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/welcome.html>

QC

<http://www.meq.gouv.qc.ca/>

NB

<http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp>

NS

<http://www.ednet.ns.ca/>

PE

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/educ/>

NF

<http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/>

3. Computers For Schools

<http://cfs-ope.ic.gc.ca/Default.asp?lang=en&id=95>

Free computer hardware for non-profit schools. You will be surprised at the equipment that some companies donate.

4. National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Award

<http://www.nsta.org/awardscomp>

A competition for K-12 students of all interests. A challenge to use science to create and explore a vision of a future technology.

Up to USD \$10 000.00

Deadline: February 1 each year

5. Abbotsford Foundation

http://www.fvconnect.bc.ca/Abbotsford/donations/Abbotsford_Foundation.htm

The community is looking to fund a long-term initiative that benefits the inhabitants of Abbotsford and immediate area.

Open ended

6. Smarter Kids Grants

<http://www.smarterkids.org/k12/SMARTproducts/>

PD: Professional Development grants are **30%** of the list price

NEC: Visual Presentation product grants are **18-60%** of list price

Deadline: September 30 each year

PREP: Pre or In-Service grants are **100%** of list price

Deadline: December 1 each year

7. ATA Computer Council Innovative Computer Project Grants

<http://www.atacc.ab.ca/council/icp.html>

Annual grants offered to ATACC members actively involved in research projects involving computers in education.

Deadline: January 31 each year

Up to \$1000.00

8. The Winnipeg Foundation

http://www.wpgfdn.org/seekers_guidelines.php

Preference is given to projects which benefit the whole community, encourage more efficient use of community resources, promote cooperation and sharing among organizations, and demonstrate new approaches and techniques in the solution of community problems.

From \$2 000-\$50 000

Open ended

9. iCAN Microsoft Canada & techsoup Software Donation Program

<http://www.microsoft.com/canada/ican/howtoapply.mspx>

http://www.techsoup.org/stock/canada/ms_ican_program.asp?visit=1

35 FREE Software Titles available from TechSoup stock library; including ALL Microsoft & Macromedia Titles. What's the catch? Software must be used in non-classroom setting (great for church networks) & you must cover a small administration fee. (max 6 titles/church & 50 licenses per title)

Open ended

10. Grant-Giving Foundations in Canada

<http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr17.asp>

<http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/nonpr/nonpr6.html>

100+ Grant-Giving Foundations across Canada

Non-Profit Neighbourhood with Education-Oriented Foundations.

The list is too long to include in this article.

This is only a sample of what's out there. Here's my challenge to each school: Pick three out of the many grants mentioned above, visit their web site, download an application, and submit before the kids arrive this September. Share your findings with the CAT~net community. What do you have to lose? Need some help? Email russ@west-ridge.org