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### The Golden Issue

The Funding Tree is starting the new fiscal year with the big 5-0! This is the 50<sup>th</sup> issue, y'all. To celebrate we changed the look of this issue to reflect our "golden anniversary". I mean, who doesn't love gold? Yellow gold, rose gold, white gold; they all make us feel fancy. Thank you to all our readers for letting The Funding Tree hit this milestone. I hope that the funding opportunities continue to bring you success in your school or organization.

The Funding Team is going to soak in all of this excitement and let The Funding Tree take a well-deserved break for the summer. We want to enhance the features, play around with colors, and figure out what is and isn't beneficial for our readers. It's kind of like construction on the 91 freeway. We need to shut it down, rebuild, and make the best product possible in hopes that it brings you easier navigation. The next issue of The Funding Tree will happily be delivered to your inbox on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Have a wonderful summer!

--- The Funding Development Team

# Quick D eadlines: Opportunities Ending in the Next 15 Days

**GIA Diversity Awards**, Award is travel expenses to annual conference. *Deadline is Jul 11.* Recognizes national, regional, and local individuals, programs, and organizations that embrace diversity as a fundamental element in all levels of their work in aging. <u>Click here for details</u>.

**FTF Teen Traveling Writing Scholarship,** Awards from \$250 to \$1,000. *Deadline is Jul 13.* Submit travel blogs that are serious, funny or contemplative, as long as they are informational. <u>Click here for details.</u>

You, Me, and Poetry Scholarship, Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Jul 13.* Supports students between the ages of 13 to 25 to submit an original poem. Poems will go through rounds of judging before a winner is selected. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Art Works - National Endowment for the Arts, Awards from \$10,000 to \$100,000. *Deadline is Jul 14.* Supports students and schools in low socioeconomic backgrounds who have arts-rich experiences and are more likely to achieve key positive outcomes, academically, socially, and civically. Click here for details.

National Endowment for the Arts - Media Arts, Awards from \$10,000 to \$100,000. *Deadline is Jul 14.* Supports the development, production, and national distribution of innovative projects that demonstrate media as art. <u>Click here for details.</u> Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Award is \$5,000. *Deadline is Jul 15.* Seeks to sustain and strengthen the folk and traditional arts in California. Click here for details.

Hagerty Education Program, Awards vary. *Deadline is Jul 15.* Supports organizations who are dedicated to instructing and training youth to restore and preserve vintage cars, trucks, and boats. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Journalism Education Association,** Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Jul 15.* Supports teachers and future teachers with a scholarship who want to enhance their skills or intend to teach scholastic journalism. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Western Digital Foundation, Awards vary. *Deadline is Jul 15.* Supports schools with a strong emphasis on the STEM initiative. <u>Click here for details.</u>

The Ann E. Talcott Fund, Awards from \$1,500 to \$15,000. *Deadline is Jul 22.* Supports organizations exclusively for religious, charitable, literacy or educational purposed, as well as for testing public safety, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. <u>Click here for details.</u>

> 'I never dreamed about success. I worked for it."

> > Estee Lauder

### **Opportunities** for Students:

Steinger, Iscoe, and Green Law Scholarship for Child Advocates, Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Jul 31.* Open to dedicated students who work to protect children's right or stop abuse or you are an abuse survivor. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**HBCUConnect.org - Minority Scholarship Program,** Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Jul 31.* Supports minority applicants who attend or plan to attend a Historically Black College or University. The scholarship can be applied to tuition or books. Click here for details.

**From Failure to Promise Scholarship Essay Contest,** Awards from \$500 to \$10,000. *Deadline is Jul 31.* Students choose from three essay prompts. Essays will be judged on the basis of originality, quality of research, and effectiveness of presentation. Click here for details.

Flavor of the Month Scholarhship, Award is \$1,500. *Deadline is Jul 31.* Seeks eligible applicants who follow directions and submit applications that are well-written and clearly and creatively address the topic, "Summer and Ice Cream Go Hand-in-Hand." <u>Click here for details.</u>

The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Aug 1.* Students must include an essay of 250 words or less on the topic of their choice. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Youth Forward Scholarship, Award \$1,500. *Deadline is Aug 1.* Supports youth for his or her commitment to the spirit of volunteerism. Students need to submit an essay and picture to apply. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**First Site Guide Scholarship**, Award is \$1,500. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Applicants will write an essay titled, "Why Should you Start a Blog?" Essays are no more than 1,500 words and the applicants with the highest score will win the award. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Make Me Laugh Scholarship**, Award is \$1,500. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Describe an incident in your life, funny or embarrassing (fact or fiction), and make the reviewers laugh. The applicant with the highest score will win the scholarship. <u>Click here for details</u>.

**ARTBA's Student Transportation Video Contest - K-12 students,** Award is \$500. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Create a 2 to 4 minute video on US transportation infrastructure, recent transportation and urban design/development patterns, impacts on congestion changing travel demands, etc. Click here for details.

**Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation**, Awards vary. *Rolling Deadline.* Offers a wide variety of scholarship quizzes throughout the year for high school, college, and graduate students. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Did someone share The Funding Tree with you? <u>Click here</u> to subscribe to the e-newsletter.

### **Opportunities** for Teachers:

**Toshiba America Foundation,** Awards vary. **Deadline is Aug 1.** Supports teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Funds are for project based learning classroom projects. <u>Click here for details</u>.

**National Endowment for the Humanities - Planning Grant,** Award up to \$75,000. *Deadline is Aug 10.* Supports projects for general audiences that encourage active engagement with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways and involve museums, libraries, and cultural organizations. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation,** Awards up to \$1,500. *Deadline is Aug 12 for pre-application.* Supports student involvement in solving environmental and social problems to make informed decisions on basic ecological principles. Click here for details.

NFL Foundation, Awards up to \$250,000. *Deadline is Aug 15.* Supports the financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. \*Must partner with a 501 (c)(3) organization.\* <u>Click here for details.</u>

The Society of Aviation and Flight Educators, Awards is \$250. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Designed to encourage K-12 classroom teachers to incorporate aviation-themed lessons into the normal curriculum. Funding can be used for bus and admission fees to a museum, airport, or purchasing materials. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education**, Award is \$1,000. *Deadline is Sep 30.* Supports Pre-K-12 teachers who wish to establish an effective learning tool using the arts in teaching children. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Kids in Need Foundation - Teacher Grants Program,** Awards from \$100 to \$500. *Deadline is Sep 30.* Provides educators with funding to purchase the materials they need to conduct innovative projects in their classrooms. <u>Click here for details.</u>

### **Opportunities** for Colleges/Universities:

Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative, Award up to \$450,000. *Deadline is Aug 1*. Invests in the next generation of top autism investigators by identifying talented early-career scientists interested in autism research and facilitating their transition to an independent research career. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**National Center for Responsible Gaming,** Award up to \$30,000. *Deadline is Aug 1.* Offers seed grants in support of a variety of research activities, exploring the etiology, prevention and treatment of gambling disorder. <u>Click here for details.</u>

American Gastroenterological Association, Awards is \$20,000. *Deadline is Aug 12.* Supports continued exploration into microbiome, which is expected to one day have a tremendous impact on the future of health care. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust**, Awards up to \$20,000. *Deadline is Aug 15.* Supports education and research in ornamental horticultural. <u>Click here for details.</u>

### **Opportunities** for Schools/LEAs:

America Honda Foundation, Awards from \$20,000 to \$75,000. *Deadline is Aug 1.* Supports education with the specific focus on STEM, the environment, job training, and literacy. <u>Click here for details.</u>

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**US Bank - Work Grant**, Awards vary. *Deadline is Sep 1.* Supports programs that help low-income and at-risk high school students prepare for post-secondary education at a community college, university, trade or technical school. <u>Click here for details</u>.

**Kinder Morgan**, Awards vary. *Deadline is Sep 10.* Benefits K-12 youth and focuses on science, math, art, and music. Programs will help students become engineers, educators, and musicians who will support diverse communities in the future. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Lowes Toolbox for Education,** Awards up to \$5,000. *Deadline is Sep 26.* Supports public schools and public school parent teacher groups. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Youth Service America, Awards are \$500. *Deadline is Sep 30.* Inspires kids and families to turn their creative ideas into projects that will make a positive impact in their community. Schools must sponsor the students. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Project Learning Tree**, Awards up to \$1,000. *Deadline is Sep 30.* Supports environmental service-learning projects that link classroom learning to the real world. Students implement an action project they help design to green their school. <u>Click here for details.</u>

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, Awards vary. *Rolling Deadline.* Donate Orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations. Recipients must pledge to care for their trees and utilize them for a charitable purpose. <u>Click here for details.</u>

### **Opportunities** for Non-Profits:

**D'Addario Foundation,** Award is \$2,500. *Deadline for Letter of Inquiry Jul 31.* Supports youth educational music programs that offer sustained opportunities for active participation in music making. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Eastman Chemical Company Foundation,** Awards vary. *Deadline is Jul 31.* Supports programs that address education, economic development, and community needs. The foundation emphasizes on mathematics, literacy, science, and technology. <u>Click here for details.</u>

American Quarter Horse Association, Awards up to \$10,000. *Deadline is Aug 15.* Accepts grant applications for the Stewards for Trails, Education, and Partnerships (STEPS) program. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**LIDS Foundation,** Awards from \$1,000 to \$5,000. *Deadline is Aug 21.* Provides support to organizations who promote active and healthy lifestyles as well as leadership and growth opportunities. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**MAXIMUS Charitable Foundation,** Awards from \$2,500 to \$5,000. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Helps disadvantaged individuals achieve self-sufficiency and personal growth, particularly those programs serving youth. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Gannett Foundation,** Awards from \$1,000 to \$5,000. *Deadline is Aug 31.* Supports education and neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Patagonia**, Awards up to \$12,000. *Deadline is Aug 31*. Supports small, grassroots, activist organization with campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. <u>Click here for details</u>.

Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation, Awards vary. Letter of Intent due Sep 2. Supports community-based nonprofit organizations that focus on HIV/AIDS care and direct service, education, or research. Click here for details.

### Visual Storytelling:



Take at least 30 seconds to reflect on the story being told.

### Fruit from The Funding Tree

#### Con "Grant" ulations

To the 2016 ACCESS Teachers of the Year! The Orange County Department of Education's *What's News* recently reported that nine ACCESS teachers were honored with this award. These teachers have been exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled. Each educator received \$100 and a glass paperweight engraved with the year and ACCESS logo. The extraordinary teachers are: Teri Anderson; Brigette Brink; Amanda Bustamante; Dinah Ismail; Carol Kee; Judy Kirchner; Cara Pettite; David Valle; and John Wells. A BIG "Congrats" for their hard work and dedication. To see the original article, <u>click here.</u>

### Creativity Exercise:

#### **Follow the Rules**

Can you get to the end without making a mistake?

- 1. With no spaces between words, write down the phrase RAINDOESNOTFALL.
- 2. Swap the first and the ninth letters.
- 3. Place an O before every N and T.
- 4. Remove the eighth letter and place it in the next-to-last position.
- 5. Remove the first E and place it in the seventh position.
- If Iowa is northeast of Nebraska, place NE in the eighth and nineteenth positions. If Iowa is southwest of Nebraska, place IA in the second and third positions.
- 7. Remove the first A and the last L.
- 8. If the word "they" is an adjective, add AD in the beginning. If the word "they" is a pronoun, remove the letters IT.
- 9. If Katie Couric used to be an anchor on *Good Morning America*, add a K in the third position and a C in the ninth position. If Diane Swayer used to be an anchor on *Good Morning America*, remove the letters D and S.

# App-le Picking:



**Paper by FiftyThree:** When inspiration happens, put it on Paper. Paper is the best way to capture and connect your notes, photos, and sketches. Create checklists, spotlight details in photos, and sketch diagrams with unbeatable speed and ease. <u>Click here.</u>



**Udacity:** An innovative online education platform that offers free courses for people to learn programming. Courses are taught by industry experts from Facebook, Google, Cloudera, and MongoDB. <u>Click here.</u>

# Helpful Writing Tips:

#### POP QUIZ,

found in The Only Grant Writing Book You'll Ever Need

Each issue of The Funding Tree, we give you great writing tips for you to write the perfect proposal. Now it's time to see how well you have been paying attention with this simple pop quiz. Select the best answer for each question:

#### 1. Most requests for proposals (RFPs) include:

- a) a description of the program you must propose in order to win a grant
- b) guidelines you must follow
- c) a due date for submission of proposal
- d) all of the above are generally included in the RFP

#### 2. Foundations are:

- a) generally small
- b) always run by an executive director and at least two staff members
- c) all shapes and sizes, with all different priorities, guidelines and purposes
- 3. A good way for small organizations to begin grant seeking is to apply for:
- a) large federal government grant
- b) donations from local businesses
- c) foundation grants

How did you do? Check your answers on page 6.

### Flex Your Brain:

#### **Word Parts**

In this game the definition is not supplied. For example, given the first clue "male adults," plus the second clue "The highest card in the deck," the answer is menace (men+ace).

1. The opposite of pro + the opposite of back	6. In favor of + in shape
2. The opposite of on + frozen water	7. A narrow canvas bed + two thousand pounds
3. Mr. Rickles + locking device	8. For each + a male descendent
4. Chum + highest/lowest card	9. Sprinted + Mr. DeLuise
5. A summer complexion color + a corner Monopoly space	10. A bovine use for pulling carts + Nixon's successor

Check your answers on page 6.

# **Upcoming** Events:

#### Substitute Teacher Training Program

This is a workshop for new or continuing substitute teachers designed to empower teachers with the skills and strategies necessary to be successful in any classroom. <u>Click here for details.</u>

#### Cost: \$100 per person

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Orange County Department of Education Building D1002 200 Kalmus Drive Costa Mesa, 92626

### Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC)

This 3-day, 18-hour professional development training will help teachers prepare students to meet college and university expectations. <u>Click here to register.</u>

#### Cost: \$250 (includes materials and lunch)

Sep 23, Oct 21, Nov 17, 2016 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Orange County Department of Education Esplande Building 5, Suite 108 3001 Red Hill Ave Costa Mesa, 92626

### Special Feature:

#### How to Qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness,

adapted from ed.gov

Everyone wants their student loans forgiven. The perceptions is that very few qualify. But did you know what there is one broad, employment-based forgiveness program for federal student loans? Here are some key points of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) to help you qualify.

1) Work for a government or non-profit organization: In order to qualify for PSLF, you must work for a "public service" employer. This is either a government or a not-for profit organization.

**2) Work full-time:** Either meet the definition of "full-time" or work at least 30 hours per week, whichever is greater.

3) Have Direct Loans (or consolidate other federal student loans to qualify): Not having a Direct Loan is a big reason why borrowers aren't on tract for PSLF. Many borrowers don't even realize there are different types of federal student loans.

**4) Repay your Ioan on an income-driven repayment plan:** There are four different plans. Revised Pay As you Earn Repayment Plan; Pay As you Earn Repayment Plan; Income-Based Repayment Plan; and Income-Contingent Repayment Plan.

**5) Make 120 Qualifying Payments (10 years of payments):** Your payments do not need to be consecutive. So if you make qualifying payments, stop, then start again, you don't start over.

6) Submit the Employment Certification form early and often: It is recommended that you submit once per year so you won't have to submit 10 years' worth of forms.

# Special Events:

#### Dana Point Harbor 50-Year Time Capsule Celebration



To continue the theme of turning 50, Dana Point is celebrating a time capsule unveiling! Fifty years ago on Monday, August 29, 1966, a rockplacing ceremony sponsored by the County of Orange, the Orange County Harbor District and local organizations marked the start of the Dana Point Harbor. The event took place at Doheny

State Beach, during which a time capsule was sealed into a rock chosen from the forming breakwater. You don't have to be a Dana Point resident to participate in this celebration. Join in the festivities that include a BBQ dinner and drinks. Save \$5 when you purchase your tickets in advance.

#### Cost: \$15 day of event

Monday, August 29, 2016 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Baby Beach 34451 Ensenada Place Dana Point Harbor

### The Funding Tree Family Includes:

#### **School Districts:**

OCDE; LACOE; BPSD; CUSD; FJUHSD; GGUSD; HBCSD; LAUSD; LHCSD; PYLSD; SAUSD; TUSD; WVUSD.

#### Schools:

El Dorado, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Tustin, Sonora, Troy, and Western High Schools; Institute of Knowledge; New Millennium; Our Lady Queen of Angels; Red Hill Elementary; Samueli Academy; South Junior High School; Carl Hankey Elementary; and Simmons Elementary.

Working Wardrobes

The Ecology Center

Anaheim YMCA

The Suzy Project

**Texas Instruments** 

LEAP Learning Center

Taller San Jose

America on Track

Science@OC

**KidWorks** 

**OCAPICA** 

RYTMO

Vital Link

#### Non-Profit/Community Partners:

Premier Women's Council Coastal Mountain Youth Academy Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove Museum of Teaching and Learning Boys & Girls Club of Fullerton Boy Scouts of America, OC Council Families Uniting Families Project Hope Alliance Social Services Agency Anti-Defamation League Newport Bay Conservancy OC Therapeutic Arts Center California Youth Services Blind Children's Learning Center

Colleges/Universities:

California State University, Fullerton; Santiago Canyon College; Saddleback College.

Know a great team who should be added to this list? Forward this issue and invite them to The Funding Tree family. Resources for teachers, parents, and community agencies

### **R**esources:

American Association of State College and Universities - Grant Resources Center, provides personalized and comprehensive federal and private funding information to increase success rates amongst faculty and administrators. Click here for details.

**Foundation Directory Online,** An easy-to-use tool for looking up key information on all U.S. foundations - more than 100,000 in total! <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Grant Select,** an online database of funding opportunities such as grants, (for programs, projects, planning, start-up, endowments, technical assistance, facilities, and equipment), awards, and fellowships. Funding opportunities range from research grants to arts programs, biomedical and health care research, community services programs, children and youth program, K-12 educational funding, and more! <u>Click here for details</u>.

**W.K. Kellogg Foundation**, Demystifies the grantmaking process to help organizations in approaching foundations throughout the United States. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Accredited Schools Online, millions of college students use online learning to earn a degree in a fast and flexible way. But which program makes the most sense for you, and where do you start? Explore accredited online schools by major, state or degree level to narrow the field and find a higher education option that fits. <u>Click here for details.</u>

Global Exploration for Educators Organizations (GEEO), tries to make travel affordable as possible for educators. Click here for details.

**AFS Project: Change,** allows students to win a full scholarship to go abroad and make an impact. Students participate in a cultural exchange to lead to a better understanding and cooperation among nations. <u>Click here for details.</u>

The Green School Alliance, is an international organization of sustainable schools that fosters collaboration among its members to help them set and meet individual and collective sustainability goals. This is a global peer-to-peer network of pre-K-12 schools represented by school decision makers who work together to solve climate and conversation challenge. Click here for details.

**Teacher Pay Teachers,** allows teachers to buy, sell, and share their original teaching materials directly with other teachers. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**USA TODAY Education**, register to receive access to the electronic edition of USA TODAY for your classroom. This is a first come first serve basis and is provided to teachers in a classroom setting. <u>Click here for details.</u>

**Orange County Department of Education - Professional Learning Opportunities,** support local districts in improving student achievement through high-quality training for administrators, teachers, and other educators. <u>Click here for details.</u>

### Helpful Funding Websites:

**OCDE Funding Development Website** posts various funding opportunities sorted by program area. All entries are pre-screened by the Funding Development Office to ensure Orange County schools and community partners are compatible with eligibility requirements. <u>Click here.</u>

**Inside the Outdoors Foundation** posts various funding opportunities available for Orange County schools and families. <u>Click here.</u>

**Orange County Community Foundation** provides a database of various student scholarships available to Orange County students. <u>Click here.</u>

### Solution:

#### Follow the Rules:

(RAIN DOES NOT FALL) on one roof alone

#### Writing Tips:

1.) d 2.) c 3.) b

Word Parts:

- 1. Confront; 2. Office; 3. Donkey; 4. Palace; 5. Tango; 6. Profit;
- 7. Cotton; 8. Person; 9. Random; 10. Oxford

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