

Workforce Training Consortium Hvtrol Workforce Readiness Grant

ATTENTION:
Teachers & Grant
Writers

**MONEY
AVAILABLE:**
This year's amount
is \$5,324.

DEADLINE
Deadline for grant
applications is
March 31, 2010.

TARGET GROUP
Any agency or
individual instructor
teaching students
5th through 12th
grades.



Goals:

- ◆ Encourage innovative education projects to prepare today's students for tomorrow's workplace.
- ◆ Instill higher workforce readiness skills in students.
- ◆ Help educators develop unique projects for their classrooms.

The Workforce Training Consortium (WTC) encourages innovative education projects in Northeast Arkansas schools and organizations to promote workforce readiness in students in the fifth through twelfth grades. Many of today's high school graduates will not attend or finish college but go directly into the workforce. Today's job market is competitive and companies are asking for qualified applicants with good problem solving skills, teamwork attitudes and good work ethics. They also ask applications be able to read a tape measure to the sixty-fourth of an inch, have the ability to work on a project with a deadline, work with technology in a job setting, and plan and achieve goals.

This grant was created to help today's educators reach some of those students who are planning to go directly into the workforce after graduation.



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ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION



ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Any agency or individual instructor teaching students from the fifth to the twelfth grades in the following counties in Arkansas: Craighead, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett, Jackson, and Lawrence.
- ◆ Awards will be given to new and innovative projects designed to increase the readiness of students for successful entry into the workplace after completing:
 - High School or GED
 - Technical/Trade School
 - A two or four year college degree program

SELECTION

- ◆ The grants committee of the Workforce Training Consortium will review all requests and make recommendations to the board of directors.
- ◆ Special consideration will be given to a request that uses the Workforce Readiness Award with matching collaboration funding.
- ◆ The WTC does not typically award grants for:
 - Specific individuals (students raising money for trips, etc.)
 - Operating funds or continuing support
 - Capital improvements – campaigns for buildings or property
 - Field trips, lodging, meals or registration fees for courses (ie: ropes, conferences ...)
 - Transportation
 - Request for funds more than \$5,324 will not be considered.
 - Funds should not be used for instructor salary or administrative cost of school or agency.
- ◆ Special consideration will be given to applicants that can use existing equipment such as computers, projectors and other equipment available on a school campus.
- ◆ The grant committee is composed of mainly non-educators, so be more descriptive in writing your grants, some terminology is not familiar to them.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

Successful applicants will be required to submit a written report and presentation detailing the results and listing how the money was spent upon completion of the project. Interim reports may be required. A completed application and other materials are due by March 31, 2010. If all materials and information is not submitted, the application will be rejected.

Include the following information with this application.

- ◆ Application page (1 copy) with required information.
- ◆ Six (6) stapled copies of proposal packet should be turned in with the application. The packet should contain the following information.
 - A description of the proposed project, including projected time line and objectives, targeted age group or school grade and size. Do not include any distinguishing marks, references in the proposal to associate the proposal with any school, group or foundation.
 - A budget for project – include all sources of funds and expenses.
 - A description of how the project will be evaluated.
- ◆ If software is requested please include sample of the software such as webpage printout, screen shots or links to website.

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