



**JUNE @DYCD**

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## DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\*June 30** – From 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) will be holding a public hearing to inform the public of the activities of its work groups relating to after-school programming, court-involved youth and health services. It will be held at the NYC Department of City Planning, Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street. Testimony from speakers is limited to three minutes; speakers are required to submit three (3) written copies of their statements. Pre-registered speakers will be called upon to testify first; there will also be an opportunity to register to speak on the day of the hearing. Speakers will be called on in the order in which they have registered at Spector Hall. Written comments on the activities of the ICC and its working groups will be accepted no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 29. Comments should be addressed to: NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, Office of External Relations, 156 William Street, New York, New York 10038, (212) 442-6009.

To pre-register, or to obtain a copy of the ICC Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2004, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/pdf/resources-icc-annualreport.pdf> . To request a written report, access the address and telephone number above.

**\*\*The end of June** – The New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2005 is coming, produced by DYCD. The guide contains activities and events to enjoy during the summer months – from Summer Reading Clubs at the libraries, to concerts throughout the City – all free or at low cost! It will also include information on the upcoming New York City OST program. A PDF file of the guide will be available on the DYCD Web site: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) .

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### **\*\* Organizations Deemed Eligible for Out-of-School Time (OST) Awards Notified\*\***

Today DYCD will be sending out Invitations to Negotiate to organizations determined eligible for an award to provide OST programs throughout New York City. This comprehensive, coordinated system will provide quality programming for young people during non-school hours. Free OST services will be provided, starting in September, at selected schools, parks, community centers and public housing facilities during after-school hours, on school holidays, and during the summer.

New York City OST programs will provide:

- Free, safe programs in a supportive environment
- A range of supervised, planned activities focused on academics, the arts, and recreation
- A schedule that meets the needs of working parents
- Trained staff, familiar with the strengths and needs of young people
- Separate programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students
- Assistance in completing homework
- Healthy and appealing snacks

More information will be available on the DYCD Web site: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd), call Youthline:1(800) 246-4646, or call: 311.

### **\*\* Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) RFP Eligibility for Awards Announced\*\***

During the week of May 23, DYCD sent out Invitations to Negotiate for NDA awards to organizations whose proposals have been selected for possible contracts. Currently, DYCD's Community Development division is scheduling appointments with the organizations to negotiate and sign contracts to provide services.

### **\*\* DYCD Sponsors Panel Discussion on Adolescent Literacy\*\***

On June 1, in the continuing efforts to inform our Comprehensive Literacy RFP process, DYCD hosted a panel discussion on Adolescent Literacy. Panelists included Sara Hill, the Bowne Foundation; John Garvey, CUNY Associate Dean for Collaborative Programs; Bert Flugman, CUNY Center for Advanced Study in Education; and Peter Kleinbard, the Fund for the City of New York. A select group of representatives from DYCD staff, City government, foundations, the library system, and literacy researchers engaged the panel in an instructive dialogue.

### **\*\* TASC Principal's Institute Highlights Out-of-School Time (OST)\*\***

Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav was among the featured speakers at the TASC Principal's Institute Annual Meeting held on May 26. NYC principals whose schools are sites for TASC-funded OST programs, were in attendance. Commissioner Mullgrav thanked the Department of Education (DOE) and the principals for their support of DYCD's OST process, and explained how the program would go forward in the fall with full accountability procedures. Other speakers were Lucy Friedman, President; of TASC; Carmen Farina, Deputy Chancellor, of DOE; and Professor Gil G. Noam of the Program in Afterschool Education and Research at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

### **\*\* Seminar Spotlights Quality After-School Programming\*\***

On May 26, Assistant Commissioner for OST, Christopher Caruso, participated in a seminar hosted by the YMCA of Greater New York and the National Center for Schools and Communities at Fordham University. Assistant Commissioner Caruso spoke about the partnership formed between DYCD and DOE designed to improve the educational success of students in the NYC public school system through quality OST programming.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*\*SYEP to Provide Job Opportunities for Thousands of Youth in Summer 2005 \*\***

June 1st marked the deadline for submission of SYEP applications. DYCD has received nearly 70,000 applications, for approximately 33,400 available positions. On June 7, a lottery was held to determine youth participation. Contractors are contacting the selected youth to enroll in the program and coordinate job placement.

### **\*\*College Life Experience Credit Stirs Broad Interest \*\***

A College Open House was held on May 23, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the CUNY Graduate Center. The event is part of *Experience COUNTS (Community Organizations' Unique Needs Teach Skills)* a new DYCD initiative to connect youth and front-line workers to college programs that offer life experience credits. Seven adult degree programs were represented, and over 120 enthusiastic individuals attended. It was declared a great success, and all of the participating schools are committed to a similar event in the future.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **\*\*YOUTH\*\***

The **NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)** invites community-based organizations including faith-based organizations working in partnership with local elementary, middle and high schools and other organizations or businesses (local Partnership Agreement required) to submit proposals for the creation of quality youth development programs after school (*Advantage Afterschool Program*.) The program must be available a minimum three hours after school each day and students are expected to attend daily. The program must meet SACC rules and awardees will be expected to achieve Program Standards of Excellence. The application deadline is June 23. To view the complete Bid Profile and the solicitation document, go online to the Web site:

<https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=209> or contact Matt Murell at (518) 402-3657 or [advantage.afterschools@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:advantage.afterschools@ocfs.state.ny.us)

The **United States Golf Association** offers "For the Good of the Game" grants to organizations that introduce the game of golf to economically disadvantaged children and youth as well as to individuals with disabilities. Grant dollars can be used for instructional programs, caddying or other work-based initiatives, golf equipment, facility construction, as well as programs that teach life skills inherent in the game of golf. The application deadline is July 1. For more information, view the Web site: <http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/foundation.html>.

The **Charles Hayden Foundation** funds those institutions and programs serving youth most at risk of not reaching their full potential, especially youth in low-income communities. They support youth development and education programs that present: (1) evidence of program impact on young people and (2) plans for making measurable progress toward well-defined goals in a specific time frame. For guidelines and application information, go to their Web site: [http://www.charleshaydenfdn.org/compon\\_qd.html](http://www.charleshaydenfdn.org/compon_qd.html).

The **Finish Line Youth Foundation** announces funds to support youth athletic and wellness programs. These programs place importance on living a healthy lifestyle, bolstering youth confidence and leadership skills, and teaching them the importance of teamwork. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2005. Awards range from \$1,000-\$5,000. For further information, go to: [http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate\\_info/youthfoundation.jsp](http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp).

**MTV: Music Television** and **Youth Venture** have announced the launch of a new grant program designed to inform and empower young people who are making a difference by creating and leading organizations, clubs, or businesses that address a need in their communities. Grants of up to \$1,000 each will be offered each week to a group of youth with the most compelling and sustainable community service project concept in one of the five primary MTV issue areas: discrimination, education, the environment, global issues, and sexual health. The program is open to groups of two or more individuals who are legal residents of the U.S. and at least thirteen years of age or older at time of entry. There are rolling deadlines through December 31. Go to: <http://www.youthventure.org> for more information.

The **American Dental Association Foundation's Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health** supports programs that improve children's oral health through community education programs. Grant range: \$5,000. The application deadline is July 8. For additional information and qualification, go to: [http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog\\_access\\_harris.asp](http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog_access_harris.asp)

**Barnes & Noble** funds nonprofit youth programs that promote literacy, the arts or K-12 education. They also seek planned sponsorship opportunities where they can partner with organizations that focus on higher learning, literacy and the arts. The grant range varies, and there are no deadlines. For more information and program guidelines, view online: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship\\_main.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html)

#### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **Department of Housing and Urban Development** is seeking to fund entities eligible to provide education and employment training under other federal employment training programs to operate a Youthbuild program. The program provides disadvantaged young adults with meaningful on-site training experiences in housing construction and rehabilitation that will enable them to render a service to their communities by helping to meet the housing needs of homeless persons and low-income families; and gives to the greatest extent possible, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low-income young adults.

The application closing date is June 21. For detailed information go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa05/youthsec.pdf>

The **U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice** recently announced a funding opportunity through its *Operation Weed and Seed* program. The program partners law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to "weed out" violent crime and drug abuse, while organizations "seed" areas with prevention, intervention and treatment services, and neighborhood revitalization activities. Successful applicants may apply for a grant under this program to maintain their best programs, plan and implement their own Weed and Seed strategy and serve as a model for other sites. Sites should have at least one Safe Haven (a multi-service

center where a variety of youth and adult services are coordinated). Successful applicants will also participate in evaluations as well as arrange for a qualified partner to analyze their site's crime problems and evaluate the site's strategy and programs. The application deadline is September 15. Go to: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCompetitiveSol.pdf>

The **Allstate Foundation** supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas. Proposals must address needs within one of the three focus areas to be considered for funding: safe and vital communities; tolerance, inclusion and diversity; and economic empowerment. The foundation has no annual deadlines and proposals may be submitted throughout the year. Go to: <http://www.allstate.com/community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundationfunding.htm> .

The **Bank of America Foundation** *Neighborhood Excellence* signature initiative helps create positive change in local communities. In New York City, the funding focus is on community development, with an emphasis on affordable housing and home ownership initiatives, job creation and employment training, financial literacy, small business development and entrepreneurship: education, with an emphasis on public education, arts education, youth mentorship programs, literacy programs, transition from school to career, select after-school programs; and arts and culture, with a focus on providing greater access for those traditionally underserved by cultural and artistic institutions; includes major exhibits, community performances, educational outreach to low- to moderate-income youth. Organizations interested in applying for a grant should complete the [eligibility quiz](#). Upon successful completion of the quiz, you'll be directed to the online application. The deadline for applications is June 30. Go to: [http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd\\_funding](http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_funding) online.

The **William T. Grant Foundation's** *Youth Service Grants* initiative supports local programs for young people (8-25 years of age) in the Tri-State area. The Foundation funds programs that actively engage young people and enable them to reach their full potential. Specifically, the Foundation funds projects focused on one or more of the following areas: civic engagement/community involvement; development of youth creativity; diversity and inter-group relations; personal development; strengthening ties between youth and adults; transition to adulthood; youth leadership; and youth and technology. Applications are accepted online on a rolling basis. Go to: [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url\\_nocat3042/info-url\\_nocat\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=77038&attrib\\_id=4399](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=77038&attrib_id=4399) .

**Citibank of NY**, *Citigrants* are available for educational programs from K-12 and community development. Larger grants are available to agencies with budgets over \$500,000. For application information, contact your local CitiBank branch. For information on grants from the Citibank Foundation, go to: <http://www.citigroup.com/citigroup/corporate/foundation/prop.htm>

The **Helena Rubinstein Foundation** supports programs in education, community services, arts/arts in education, and health, with emphasis on projects which benefit women and children. Grants are primarily targeted to organizations in New York City. Proposals are accepted throughout the year; submit a brief letter outlining the project, its aims, budget, amount requested, and other funding sources, as well as a description of the organization and its current budget. Letters should be addressed to: Diane Moss, President, Helena Rubinstein Foundation, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022-5802. For more information, go to: <http://www.helenarubinsteinfndn.org/guide.html> .

**Keep America Beautiful** and the **Sherman Williams Company** , are accepting entries for the *Graffiti Hurts National Award program* to recognize programs that are bringing innovation and best practices to erase graffiti vandalism. The program is open to all anti-graffiti projects that have taken place within the last twelve months. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, civic, and community organizations; youth groups/schools; government agencies; and business and/or professional organizations. The application deadline is September 16. See the Web site for complete program guidelines and an entry form. <http://www.graffitihurts.org/> )

The **Internal Revenue Service** (IRS) announces the availability of funds to organizations providing: representation of low-income taxpayers in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service; and/or programs to inform individuals for whom English is a second language. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations; the deadline for applications is July 25. Awards of up to \$100,000 are available.

A match is required. For further information, contact Debra Chandler at (404) 338-8306 or [LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov](mailto:LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov).

The **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** is seeking to enter into cooperative agreements with private or public non-profit agencies or organizations to establish a network of trained volunteers to provide free tax information and return preparation assistance to elderly individuals. Elderly individuals are defined as individuals age 60 and over at the close of their taxable year. Cooperative agreements will be entered into based upon competition among eligible agencies and organizations. The application deadline is August 1. View information online at:

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=109754,00.html>

**Washington Mutual** supports financial education programs for young people and adults. Their goal is to help students and adults understand basic financial services and enhance their money management skills. The types of efforts that will be considered for funding include programs that benefit low-to-moderate income individuals; help individuals understand the basics of banking, credit, how to spend wisely, achieve homeownership and build assets; and demonstrate innovation and creativity in the delivery of financial education products, services and material.

The application is ongoing. For additional information and online application, go to:

<http://www.wamu.com/about/community/volunteering/givingguidelines.asp>.

Through its *Give Back to Grow*, the **Scotts Miracle-Gro Company** honors individuals for community gardening. Nominations are now being accepted in the following categories: Classroom Gardener of the Year (for teachers); Good Neighbor Gardener of the Year (for gardeners who donate produce to feed the hungry); Urban Greenup Gardener of the Year (volunteers who have used community gardening to address the challenges of inner-city neighborhoods; and Community Beautification Gardener of the Year (volunteers who have helped beautify a main street, park, or neighborhood within their city limits and significantly contributed to community pride.) Each winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and public recognition for their work; two finalists in each category will receive a \$2,500 cash prize. Nominations may be self-submitted or by an individual or group. Nomination deadline is December 2. Visit the company's Web site: <http://www.scotts.com>

#### **\*\*MINI-GRANTS\*\***

The **Constitutional Rights Foundation** *Robinson Mini-Grant Program* awards grants for projects designed to address community issues such as poverty, hunger, the environment, crime and safety, and aging. The skills that students gain from these projects will help their communities and also help them in their lives as citizens of a democratic society. Projects can be completed at school or in the community. K-12 schools and community agencies that work with K-12 youth may apply. All applications must have an adult sponsor who will ensure that students are involved in planning, designing, and evaluating the project. Grants range up to \$500. The application deadline is October 14. For additional information, visit: <http://www.crf-usa.org>.

**Do Something** awards \$500 grants to change-makers and potential community leaders age 18 and under who identify problems in their communities, and then create game plans to *do something* to change their world. Young people can apply on their own behalves, or on behalf of a group or team. The Youth Advisory Council reviews grant proposals twice each year and awards 10 grants every fall and 10 grants every spring. A total of \$10,000 is given in grants annually. Register to apply online at:

<http://www.dosomething.org/awards/grants/>.

## **RESOURCES**

#### **\*\*FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES\*\***

**NYS Dept. of Education** provides this information for parents on accommodations on state tests for students with disabilities: test accommodations are determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and documented on each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), or by the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and documented on the Section 504 Accommodation Plan. Test accommodations are based on each student's individual needs. Some examples of test accommodations include extended time to complete a test, a separate setting free from distractions, or use of a word processor. Students with disabilities who are also Limited English Proficient students may receive accommodations available to all Limited English Proficient students on State tests and Regents exams whether or not they are in the students Individualized Education Program (IEP). Accommodations include allowing for extra time, separate test locations, use of bilingual dictionaries and

glossaries, oral translations, and writing responses in the student's native language. View more information on the Web site: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/parents/qa9.shtml>

### **\*\*ADDITIONAL RESOURCES\*\***

**Google**, through its new *Public Service Search* section, is offering nonprofit organizations two free search tools for use on their Web sites: SiteSearch, for searching within sites; and WebSearch, enabling users to search the Internet by keyword. The new free service also offers traffic reports, unlimited queries, and allows for customization. No banner ads or other paid advertising will show on search result pages. For further information, go to: <http://services.google.com/publicservice/login> .

Every year, millions of gallons of unsold and unused paint become available, largely as a result of discontinued products. **The National Council on Paint Disposition** was formed to coordinate the distribution of unsold paint from retailers to nonprofit groups because the stores have no way of keeping the paint in storage indefinitely. Contact Marv Goodman at the council, P.O. Box 74, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 or call (732) 309-2022. Fax a request for a list of available paint products to (732) 821-5509.

The **National Center for Charitable Statistics** at the Urban Institute, Form990.org to help nonprofit organizations more easily complete accurate and timely returns and to strengthen the information resources available to the nonprofit sector. Now nonprofits and professional preparers can use the free site to complete IRS Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 8868 (Request for Extension). Features include: calculating totals and checking for missing items and errors; importing attachments from Excel; and creating a PDF for printing or posting. Visit: <http://www.Form990.org> online.

The **Verizon Foundation** launched an online initiative designed to help nonprofit organizations operate more efficiently. The online center provides free access to a national database that includes an online library, research papers, articles and specialists who can assist nonprofits in running their business operations. View: <http://foundation.verizon.com/resourcecenter> .

The **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Consumer News** provides practical guidance on how to become a smarter, safer user of financial services. Each issue offers helpful hints, quick tips, and common-sense strategies to protect and stretch your hard-earned dollars. The special edition: *Spring 2005 Taking Control of Your Finances: A Special Guide for Young Adults* is geared for young people just beginning to manage money on their own. To download a PDF version, go to: <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/index.html> .

The **American Institute of CPAs** has expanded on its 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy program with the launch of a financial literacy program targeted at women. The program, developed by the AICPA's personal financial planning section, includes a Web site that features articles and personal financial planning tools targeted at women's financial issues, as well as a feature called "Ask the Money Doctor," where consumers can seek advice from CPAs and CPA Personal Financial Specialists. View online: <http://www.360financialliteracy.org/women> .

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*June 17\*\*** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Intergenerational Festival, sponsored by Council Woman Tracy L. Boyland, will be held from Noon to 6:00 P.M. at Halsey/Saratoga Park, between Howard and Saratoga Avenue in Brooklyn.

**\*\*June 23\*\*** A Caring Community Job Fair, sponsored by Assemblyman Carl Heastie, will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Carriage House@Community Board 12, 4101 White Plains Road (corner of 229<sup>th</sup> Street) in the Bronx.

**\*\*June 25\*\*** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual East New York Family Day will be co-sponsored by the NYC Department of Probation, the Brooklyn D.A.'s Office and The Valley Inc. It will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. (rain or shine) at Thomas Jefferson Field, 125-08 Flatlands & Shepherd Avenues.

**\*\*July 28 – July 30\*\*** The **National Youth Summit-Youth in Action- Making a Difference** conference will discuss youth in government, entrepreneurial skills, community service and much more. It will be held in Washington D.C. For more information on this conference, go to: [http://conferences.jbs.biz/ncfy\\_dc/](http://conferences.jbs.biz/ncfy_dc/)

**\*\*August 4 – August 6\*\*** Each year the **National Conference on Volunteering and Service** attracts 2,500 participants from nonprofits, volunteer centers, schools, universities, businesses, community and faith-based organizations, local, state, and federal government, and national service programs. The 2005 National Conference will be held in Washington D.C., and will focus activities around the theme: "Serve Communities. Solve Problems. Strengthen America." For information on attending, go to: <http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**Bank of America** will work with *Student Leaders* to identify appropriate and meaningful internships with a local community organization. They will arrange an 8 week paid summer internship with select community organizations and nonprofits to experience first-hand how student leaders can help shape their communities now and in the future. To maximize the experience for participants, each student will be assigned a mentor from Bank of America who will provide guidance and support over the course of the program. Deadline for application is June 30; for additional information, and to apply online, go to: [http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao\\_survey.form?x\\_gm\\_id=1499&x\\_section\\_id=5109&x\\_quiz\\_survey\\_id=2267](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_survey.form?x_gm_id=1499&x_section_id=5109&x_quiz_survey_id=2267) .

Each year, the *Do Something BRICK Award* honors 6 outstanding leaders age 18 and under and 3 outstanding leaders age 19-25 who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. Each of the "18 and under" winners is awarded a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and a \$5,000 community grant (to be directed by the award winner to the not-for-profit organization of his or her choice). Winners in the "19-25" category each receive a \$10,000 community grant. The application deadline is November 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/awards/brick/application-2006.php> .

The **Afterschool Alliance** and the **Advertising Council** are sponsoring an essay contest for kids in grades 5-12 who have discovered a new passion in life through an after school program. *The Something Way Better to Do: Finding Inspiration After School* essay contest will award top prizes of \$1,500 in several categories. The deadline is June 30. For more information and an application, go to: [http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/news\\_events.cfm#4000244](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/news_events.cfm#4000244)

The **Global Youth Action Network** challenges youth to act on the issues that concern them. If you start a project that addresses a need in your community that takes a new approach to problem-solving, you can win a \$1,000 *Youth in Action Award!* The application deadline is July 1. Contact the Global Youth Action Network at [gyan@youthlink.org](mailto:gyan@youthlink.org) with any questions about the YIAA! To apply and get more information, view: <http://www.takingitglobal.org/action/yiaa.html> .

The makers of **Angel Soft®** toilet paper believe that kids who have dedicated themselves to acts of kindness should be rewarded for their efforts. Young people involved in making a difference in their communities, a charity, or a cause will have the chance to be selected as one of three grand-prize winners, or fifteen first-prize winners who together will be awarded more than \$50,000 in prizes through the *Angel Soft® Angels in Action® Program*. Children and teens, ages 8-18, are recognized and rewarded for exemplary acts of service. The deadline is August 15; to apply and get more information, go online to: <http://www.angelsoft.com/angelsinaction/>

**Tolerance.org** and **Teaching Tolerance** *Mix It Up Grant Program* will fund youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Grants of \$500 will be awarded to the winning projects. Proposed projects should demonstrate youth leadership (i.e., projects envisioned and implemented by youth activists); involve collaborative efforts across social boundaries (i.e., different youth groups or clubs working together, or school-based clubs working with community-based organizations); and be part of continuing efforts to identify, cross, or challenge social boundaries. To apply and get more information, view: <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>