

## FEBRUARY @DYCD

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## DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\*February 23 - Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Workgroup on Disconnected Youth** will be holding a strategic planning meeting at the Skylight Room of the City University of New York Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue (between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets) from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. The panel discussions will include views from youth who were disconnected and turned their lives around, as well as examples of best practices from providers with effective youth programs that address the needs of this population. DYCD staff will develop a brief report based on the recommendations generated during the meeting. For more information, contact: Eduardo Laboy, (212) 442-6278.

**\*\*March 2** – The quarterly meeting of the DYCD Youth Board/Youth Council will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Bloomberg, LP, 731 Lexington Avenue. For additional information, contact: Christopher Cesarani (212) 442-6010.

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**\*\*DYCD Releases the New York City Adult Literacy Initiative (NYCALI) Application\*\***

On February 6, DYCD released an application that seeks qualified community-based organizations (CBOs) offering to provide services as part of the New York City Adult Literacy Initiative (NYCALI). NYCALI is a coordinated system of literacy-providing agencies, which offer programs in Adult Basic Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and Basic Education in the Native Language in New York City. Through this Application, DYCD seeks to select CBOs whose proposed services will be included in a proposal to New York State Education Department (NYSED). Should DYCD receive an award from NYSED, DYCD would then enter into contracts with the selected CBOs based upon the services proposed in their applications.

Applications can be obtained from DYCD at the Office of Literacy, 156 William Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York City 10038, or by visiting: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. The deadline to submit applications, at the above address, is no later than February 27, 2006 at 5:00PM. For additional information, please contact Richard Fish at 212.442.6026.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

**\*\*CAPITAL 2006 Seeks Private-Sector Jobs for Promising Young People**

DYCD is seeking further employment opportunities for young people who previously participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), and demonstrated a strong work-ethic and exceptional motivation. Through the **CAPITAL 2006** initiative, we anticipate connecting pre-screened young people to

the private sector. We are asking corporate employers to provide paid internships for a minimum of 25 hours per week, for seven weeks for at least minimum wage. To pledge a job(s), or for more information, call (212) 487-3778 or go to: [CAPITAL2006@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:CAPITAL2006@dycd.nyc.gov) .

### **\*\*Join your Local Neighborhood Advisory Board**

Become a member of your local Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB). By joining your NAB, you can participate in the community development planning process in New York City. The NAB represents Neighborhood Development Areas (NDAs) - low income neighborhoods designated as needing community development activity. NAB members are residents of the NDA and are responsible for identifying the service needs of their local communities, a process which guides the City in its allocation of funding to support community-based human service programs in areas such as education, employment, health, housing, immigrant services, senior citizen services and youth development. To apply for membership, contact the NAB Liaison Unit at 212-442-5880. To learn more and download an application, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/cbo-nab.html>.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Carol M. White Physical Education Program** (PEP) initiates, expands, or improves physical education programs, including after-school programs, for students in one or more grades from kindergarten through 12th grade in order to help students make progress toward meeting state standards for physical education. Average award size: \$150,000 to \$300,000, for one to three years (based on previous competitions). For guidelines and background information on this grant, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/index.html> .

The **Women's Sports Foundation** and **Gatorade** are supporting a second year of the *GoGirlGo! Ambassador Team Awards*. The purpose of the awards is to recognize teams that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity. Twenty grants of \$50,000 each are available. Eligible applicants include school, amateur, community and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are female, enrolled in 9-12th grade, at least 13 years old and residents of the United States, its territories or protectorates. The application deadline is April 7. For complete information, view the Web site: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org>

**Learning in the Arts for Children** and **Youth National Endowment for the Arts** announces funds to advance arts education in school-based or community-based settings and help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of and skills in the arts. The deadline for applications is June 12. Awards ranging from \$5,000-\$150,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, contact Learning in the Arts staff at (202) 682-5521; or go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP07/LearningintheArts.html>

The **New York Community Trust** funds projects within the area of Health & Special Needs that strengthen preventive healthcare, improve access to services, promote the efficient use of health resources, and develop the skills and independence of people with special needs. Children, youth and family funding priorities include: girls and young women, hunger and homelessness, social services and welfare, substance abuse and youth development. Grants are made primarily to nonprofit organizations located in the five boroughs of New York City. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for one year. There is a rolling deadline for applications.

For more information, go to: <http://www.nycommunitytrust.org> .

**Children for Children** and **Youth Service America** invite you to be a part of National and Global Youth Service Day 2006. Join them as they mobilize youth across the five boroughs of New York City to participate in service projects on April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23rd. Youth can get involved by running a program at their schools or in their communities. Based on need, Children for Children is offering grants to fund the projects. Individuals seeking grants can access the grant application by contacting their office. The application deadline is March 7. Students, ages 13 – 25, are also encouraged to join our planning

committee, which will meet once a week. For additional information, please contact Katie or Carolyn at: 212-708-0200. To learn more about the exciting new things happening at Children for Children visit us on the web at: <http://www.childrenforchildren.org>.

The **Department of Justice** has announced funds to expand community capacity to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in the U.S. through training and technical assistance for professionals who work with children and youth at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit, faith-based organizations, private institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 21. Approximately \$1,000,000 is available to fund 1 award, ranging from \$300,000-\$1,000,000. For further information, contact John Martin at (202) 616-4506 or John.Martin3@usdoj.gov; or go to: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/csectta2006.pdf>.

**Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors** has launched a new grant program by releasing a Request for Applications for the New York State Music Fund. The Music Fund is intended to help make contemporary music of all genres more accessible to diverse audiences and communities within New York State. Special emphasis will be put on reaching underserved populations and broadening awareness of underrepresented music — artists, genres, or styles with limited access to commercial broadcast or other mass-distribution vehicles. The application deadline is March 31. For complete information, and additional guidelines for this opportunity, go to: <http://www.rockpa.org/music/>

**The Department of Health and Human Services** *Basic Center Programs* provide an alternative to involving runaway and homeless youth in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each program must provide a safe and appropriate shelter and individual, family, and group counseling, as appropriate. Optional services that programs may provide are: Street-based services; Home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; Drug abuse education and prevention services; and at the request of runaway and homeless youth, testing for sexually transmitted diseases. Basic Center programs shelter youth through 18 years of age. The application deadline is March 28. For more information, guidelines and eligibility go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=779>

**National Wildlife Refuge** System's *The Nature of Learning* community-based environmental education initiative seeks to: use National Wildlife Refuges as outdoor classrooms to promote a greater understanding of local conservation issues; encourage an interdisciplinary approach to learning that seeks to enhance student academic achievement; utilize field experiences and student-led stewardship projects to connect classroom lessons to real world issues; and involve a partnership among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals and local businesses. Maximum Award: \$5,000. Eligibility: schools or non-profit organizations, including "Friends" groups, Cooperative and Interpretive Associations, and Audubon Chapters. The application deadline is April 17. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.cfm> .

**Nickelodeon Children's television network, Nickelodeon**, will distribute funding through its *Let's Just Play Giveaway*, which offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and enter for a chance to improve their school or community program's fitness resources. Kids 6 to 15 years of age partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders are eligible. The maximum award is \$5,000 and the deadline is rolling until May 31. For guidelines and more information, go online to: [http://www.nick.com/all\\_nick/everything\\_nick/](http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/).

**Barnes & Noble**, a bookstore chain that has stores nationwide, supports nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, and education (K-12) in the communities where company stores are located. Funded organizations must be willing to work with the local stores on in-store programming. Limited support is also provided for national nonprofit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or K-12 education. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Local and regional organizations should submit proposals to the community relations manager or store manager at the local Barnes & Noble store. For more information visit the Web site: [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship\\_main.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html)

**Olympus America, Inc. & Tool Factory, Inc.** sponsor a classroom grants program designed to strengthen education through digital imaging and the power of visual learning. Winners receive up to \$3,500 in cash and prizes, including new digital cameras. K-12 and special education schools are eligible. Applicants need to submit a description of the intended project and a budget. Grants will be judged based on effective use of digital cameras, the use of the software resources, whether the project involves a high degree of student involvement as well as whether they are creative and fun for the students. The application deadline is June 2. Go to the Web site for more information: [http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus\\_contest/olympus\\_teacher.htm](http://www.toolfactory.com/olympus_contest/olympus_teacher.htm) .

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

The **Faith and Service Technical Education Network (FASTEN)** offers resources to faith-based practitioners, philanthropies, and public administrators who collaborate to renew urban communities. FASTEN's *2006 Partners in Transformation Awards Program* will provide grants to faith-based organizations and houses of worship operating programs in collaboration with organizations outside the faith community New York. Grants will focus on three categories of service: Emergency Disaster Response (short-term relief efforts); Community Recovery/Rebuilding Efforts (long-term developmental efforts, e.g., jobs and housing); and Services Addressing Deep Pockets of Poverty (e.g., youth programs, healthcare, jobs programs, etc. in historically poor/distressed neighborhoods). The deadline is March 1. Visit the website for more information: [http://www.fastennetwork.org/display.asp?Page=2006\\_INFO](http://www.fastennetwork.org/display.asp?Page=2006_INFO) .

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** *Vulnerable Populations Portfolio* is seeking new community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with social factors--such as inadequate housing, poor education and poverty. They are interested in projects that serve hard-to-reach individuals and families, especially new immigrants and refugees, frail older adults and at-risk adolescents. Grants of up to \$300,000 for up to three years in duration are currently available. Proposals are accepted at any time. There are no deadlines for this solicitation. For complete information, guidelines and application, go to: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?ID=19480> See also about Vulnerable Populations: <http://www.rwjf.org/portfolios/interestarea.jsp?iaid=144> .

The **National Endowment for the Arts** *Access to Artistic Excellence* encourages and supports artistic creativity, preserves our diverse cultural heritage, and makes the arts more widely available in communities throughout the country. While projects in this category may focus on just one of these areas, the Arts Endowment recognizes that many of the most effective projects encompass both artistic excellence and enhanced access. The Arts Endowment is particularly interested in projects that extend the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. The deadlines are March 13, and August 14. For eligibility and guidelines, go online to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=7554> .

The **Count Me In Fund** provides business loans to women that can be used for working capital, purchase of inventory or equipment, marketing materials for a sales event or other uses that will help grow a business. Loans range from \$500 to \$10,000. First-time loans must be \$5,000 or less. Interest rates on Count Me In loans range from 8%-15%, based on credit history, the risk of the business and prior experience. You can complete the Count Me In loan application on the program Web site. Loan officers reviewing the application normally will make a decision within six to eight weeks. Go to: <http://www.count-me-in.org/loanapps/index.html> or (212) 245-1245.

**Google** offers nonprofits a chance to generate donations via free ads on its Web space. The Google Grants program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service, and focus on a strong mission addressing areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy and the arts. Submit your completed application online; deadlines are rolling and Google Grants recipients are selected every quarter. For additional guidelines, and instructions on how to submit an ad, go to: <http://services.google.com/googlegrants/application> .

The **HP Technology for Community** Grant Initiative is designed to provide technology tools to nonprofit organizations to enhance their effectiveness and to support the innovative use of mobile technology. HP has partnered with **TechSoup** to provide product grant awards to selected nonprofits. In 2006, HP will award up to 100 organizations in the United States and Puerto Rico an HP wireless technology package valued at approximately \$17,000. For more information, go to: [http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech\\_community/](http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech_community/).

**Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals** (JOLI) provides technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Projects focus on one of three program strategies: (1) new business ventures, (2) business expansion, and (3) self-employment/micro-enterprise. Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. There will be 10 to 12 awards totaling \$5,000,000. Applications are due by March 21. Contact: Thom Campbell at 800-281-9519 or [ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:ocsgrants@acf.hhs.gov). For the full announcement, go to: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html#part\\_7](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html#part_7)

The **Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation** promotes a sustainable and just social and natural system by supporting grassroots organizations and movements committed to this goal. The Foundation provides grants to organizations in New York City through the Fostering an Environmentally Sustainable New York City funding category. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.noyes.org/>

## RESOURCES

Educators nationwide who are grappling with the challenge of how to gain the most benefit from arts programs in schools will want to read *Partnering Arts Education: A Working Model from ArtsConnection*, a new publication available free from **The Dana Foundation**. The book highlights how teaching artists, classroom teachers and administrators can form real partnerships with lasting impact. *Partnering Arts Education* is posted in its entirety in PDF format on the Dana Web site: <http://www.dana.org>.

Any organization that is looking for up-to-date information on **Avian Influenza** or **Pandemic Flu**, will find it on the official U.S. government Web site. <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

See the newest document "*Planning for Faith based and Community Organizations*" at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/tab7.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*February 16, February 22 and March 7** - In support of the *Community-Based Abstinence Education Program Funding Opportunity # HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-AE-0099*, the **Family and Youth Services Bureau** is sponsoring technical assistance conference calls. The calls will be held on: February 16th at 11:00 A.M., February 22nd at 11:00 A.M., March 3rd at 1:00 P.M., and March 7th at 1:00 P.M.

To register for a call, please go to <https://www.pal-tech.com/web/abstinence/index.cfm>, click on the call you are interested in attending, and complete the registration form. You will receive a confirmation email with information on how to access the call. To keep the call size manageable, registration will cut off after 50 people have registered for a call, so please register early. A recording of each conference call will be made available through this site within 24 hours of the call.

Also, please note that there is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document posted on this site. It will be updated as questions are received, so please check this site regularly for updated FAQs and additional informational resources. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please send an email to [cbaeta@youthdevelopment.org](mailto:cbaeta@youthdevelopment.org) or call 703-433-1640 ext 123.

**\*\*February 16** – The **Baruch College**, School of Public Affairs, Nonprofit Group Seminar Series Presentation, *Using Marketing and Communications to Meet Nonprofit Goals*, featuring Harvey Hirsch,

Independent Marketing Consultant and Lillian Rodriguez-Lopez, President, Hispanic Federation will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at 135 East 22nd Street, Third Floor, Room 301. RSVP to: Aditi Aggarwal 646-660-6743 or [nonprofit\\_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu) Space is limited - RSVP is required.

**\*\*February 22 - Artists Alliance/Alianza de Artistas** will bring local arts institutions together to explore practical solutions for survival. A FREE panel discussion will be held from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. *Maintaining Programmatic Space for Visual Art Institutions in New York* will address artists and community arts organizations in New York City that are literally starved for space -- with no end in sight to rising rents. It will be held at the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, 15 Nassau Street. For information, go to: <http://www.corporatepa.com/contentpage.php?calendarid=4624> .

**\*\*March 2 and March 30 - The Samaritans of New York** will present: *Helping Others Sensitivity Training ...exploring ways to help those who are in crisis and suicidal*. These free sessions, designed for social workers, caseworkers, guidance counselors, therapists, mental health and crisis response staff and other lay and professional caregivers and service providers who work with "at risk" populations, will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The March 2 event will take place at Lehman College, Lovinger Theatre, Speech & Theatre Building, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West, Bronx, NY 10468. The March 30 event will take place at Queensborough Community College, Medical Arts Building, M136 Lecture Hall, 222-05 56th Ave. (at Springfield Blvd.), Bayside, NY 11364.

Admission is free but pre-registration is required. Bronx deadline is Monday, February 27; Queens deadline is Thursday, March 23. Fax the attached registration form to (212) 677-1884 or email it to: [samaritansnyc@aol.com](mailto:samaritansnyc@aol.com). To request additional seats, please email Adrienne Rumble at [samaritansnyc@aol.com](mailto:samaritansnyc@aol.com).

**\*\*May 8-12 - The Grantsmanship Training Program** is coming to New York City, hosted by the Institute for Community Living. The classes will be conducted by The Grantsmanship Center and are kept at a maximum of 30 participants. The cost is \$825, which includes one-year enrollment in the TGCI Membership Program. A limited number of half-tuition scholarships are available to agencies with annual budgets of less than \$300,000. To register or to apply for a scholarship, contact TGCI at (800) 421-9512 or visit [www.tgci.com](http://www.tgci.com). For local information and arrangements, Ben Sher at (212) 385-3030, ext. 3198.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

**UNIVISION/Urban Box Office** is running a nationwide contest, *Wanted: The New Reggaeton Niño*, which ends Feb 26. Reggaeton is the fastest growing, most-popular genre in Latin music, and this opportunity is a fun, positive channel for young bilingual, bicultural Latinos. Contestants must be between the ages of 8 – 15 years and must perform one of following songs: Pobre Diabla, Gasolina, Oye Mi Canto (the lyrics are available for download on <http://www.Reggaeton-Ninos.com> and <http://www.univision.com>.) Contestants can submit in the following formats: CDs, VHS or DVD. The winner will be included in the Vol. 2 of the Reggaeton Niños series. For more information, go to: <http://www.univision.com> . The contest rules are also in Spanish on PaginaU at <http://www.univision.com> .

The **Child Welfare Fund** is sponsoring an essay contest to promote a more positive image of New York City foster youth, and to recognize youth in care for their strengths, achievements, and promise. Five grand prize winners will receive \$1,000 each, and 15 First Prize winners will receive \$300 - \$600 each. Essay #1, is 1,000 words on "Overcoming Challenges", and Essay #2 is 500 words on "Helping Others." The submission deadline is March 1. For an application, and additional guidelines, contact: Laura Longhine (212) 279-0708, ext. 114.

The **Sallie Mae Fund** plans to award \$2.3 million (\$300,000 more than in 2005) this year for college-access scholarships. The goal is to make higher education more affordable to underserved populations, increasing their ability to attend and graduate from college. Students must be enrolled in a Title IV eligible two- or four-year college or vocational institution. This is only one of several scholarship programs run by

Sallie Mae. Deadlines vary, based on the type of scholarship and subject area, but most range from early March to late May. For information, go to: <http://www.salliemaefund.org/>

In partnership with the **National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education**, the "*Writers of Passage*" *Scholarship Program* involves an essay competition that awards winning students from a Historically Black College or University, or a predominantly black college, with a \$5,000 college scholarship. Universities of scholarship winners will receive a \$20,000 grant from The Sallie Mae Fund. [Download an application](#). March 3 is the deadline for applications.

The *First in My Family Scholarship Program*, developed in partnership with the **Hispanic College Fund**, offers scholarships to Hispanic-American students who are the first in their family to attend college, and have financial need. The program is open to Hispanic-Americans who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at approved, accredited institutions. \*Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000. The application deadline is April 15. [Apply online](#) at Hispanic College Fund. <http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/>

Nominations are invited for the **Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Award** that is presented each year to recognize an individual for leadership and innovation in caregiving. The nominee may or may not represent or be affiliated with an organization. The recipient of the award shall clearly demonstrate dedication to caring for persons who have mental illnesses, physical illnesses, developmental disabilities, or the difficulties of the frail elderly; encouragement of collaboration and partnerships between all stakeholders in the caregiving process; and the potential for developing or more effectively using financial, educational, and human resources in these pursuits. Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter presents the recipient with a statuette and a cash award of \$2,500. The award winner is invited to deliver an address at an educational event sponsored by the RCI. Travel funds to accept the award and deliver the address are provided. The application deadline is March 1; visit the Web site: [http://www.rci.gsw.edu/care\\_award.htm](http://www.rci.gsw.edu/care_award.htm)

The **Nonprofit Sector Research Fund**, a grantmaking program of the **Aspen Institute** in Washington, D.C., is accepting applications for the *William Randolph Hearst Endowed for Minority Students Fellowship*. The fellowship, based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are members of minority groups. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with the fund. Through the program, the fund seeks to introduce a diverse group of students to issues relating to philanthropy, volunteerism, and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for this experience. The ideal candidate is a highly motivated continuing graduate or undergraduate student from an underrepresented community. She or he should have an excellent academic record, outstanding research skills, a background in the social sciences or humanities, excellent writing and communication skills, demonstrated financial need, and American citizenship.

The student must be able to intern for ten to fifteen weeks at the Washington, D.C., office of the Aspen Institute. A fellowship grant of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 will be awarded, depending on the recipient's educational level, financial need, and time commitment. For the summer 2006 internship, the deadline is February 15; for the Fall 2006 internship, the deadline is July 15. Go to: <http://nsrf.org/> , or <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/> for more information.

The **Earth Island Institute** established the *Brower Youth Award* to honor founder and legendary activist David R. Brower. It recognizes the efforts of environmental and social justice leaders (ages 13 to 22) living in the U.S. The six winners of the award each receive \$3,000 in cash, a trip to California for the award ceremony and Yosemite camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. The application deadline is April 15, 2006. Visit the website for application guidelines and forms: <http://www.broweryouthawards.org/files/index-f.php>

**Civic Ventures** has announced that it is seeking exceptional individuals who are defying expectations by channeling their creativity and talent to address critical social problems at the local, regional or national

level and who have launched this work after their 50th birthday. They may be working in nonprofits, government or for-profit organizations devoted to tackling the hardest challenges of our time - homelessness, social justice and human rights, violence, poverty and hunger, health, education and the environment. Nominees must be at least 60 years old, U.S. residents, and currently working in a leadership capacity in an organization or institution (public, private, nonprofit or for-profit) addressing a major social problem. They are bestowing five awards of \$100,000 each; the application closing date is February 28. Contact them directly at: Civic Ventures, 139 Townsend Street, Suite 505, San Francisco, CA 94107, (415) 430-0141, [prize@civicventures.org](mailto:prize@civicventures.org) or go to: <http://www.civicventures.org/prize.cfm> .

The **Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) 2006 Scholarship program** will award scholarships up to \$1,000 to high school graduates who are enrolling in a college/university or vocational-technical school. While all students are encouraged to apply, priority will be given to those who pursue a career in the automotive aftermarket. No previous recipients are eligible for further scholarships. All applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 31. To obtain more information on the program, along with an application, visit: [www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com).

Each year the **Jeannette Rankin Foundation** awards grants to low-income women who have a vision of how their education will benefit themselves, their families, and their communities. The JRF grants are for \$2000 and are awarded each fall. The grants are typically distributed through the financial aid office, but are not restricted to tuition expenses. JRF award money can be used for books, supplies, transportation, childcare, or other expenses that will help the recipient achieve her educational goals. The application deadline is March 1. Contact: 706-208-1211 or go to the Web site: <http://www.rankinfoundation.org/>

**Scenarios USA** launches the "*What's the REAL DEAL?*" a 2006 Story and scriptwriting contest. It is open to young people between the ages of 12 and 22 who live in New York City, the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, or Miami-Dade County in Florida. Teens can write alone or in a group. Stories or scripts should be on this year's theme, which is "What's the Real Deal on Romance and Relationships?" Winning stories/scripts will be made into a short film. The deadline is April 1. For more information, visit the [contest brochure](#).

The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** seeks nominations for its 2006 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners receive \$2,000 each to support their service work or higher education. The nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit: <http://www.barronprize.org/>

The **Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF)** continues its nationwide search for exemplary partnership programs in which mayors and law enforcement officials are working together for the safety of children and youth. The project seeks to highlight programs that include youth violence prevention/reduction, juvenile re-entry, mentoring, and bullying. Profiles of selected programs will be featured in the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office "Innovations" series, in *Nation's Cities Weekly*, and at conferences held by NLC and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The deadline to submit nominations is February 21. To learn more, contact Melissa Rogers ([rogers@nic.org](mailto:rogers@nic.org)) or: [http://www.nlc.org/Newsroom/Nation\\_s\\_Cities\\_Weekly/Weekly\\_NCW/2006/01/09/7729.cfm](http://www.nlc.org/Newsroom/Nation_s_Cities_Weekly/Weekly_NCW/2006/01/09/7729.cfm)

The **New York Foundation** is seeking a summer intern to manage its summer youth grants program. We are looking for a young person who has an interest in nonprofit organizations, community organizing, and social change work. The internship is full-time from mid-June to mid-August 2006 with a stipend of \$4,500. The deadline for submitting resumes is March 20. Contact: Adriana Rocha, Program Officer, New York Foundation, 350 Fifth Avenue, Room 2901, New York, NY 10118, (212) 594 8009.

