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## Attention Educators!

### Toshiba America Foundation Offering Grants for Science and Math Projects

*-- Enhancing Your Curriculum Could Be a Lot Easier Than You Thought! --*

**New York, New York, August 15, 2007**— Going back to school this fall could be a lot more fun and educational for your students, *and* for you! You might be surprised just how easy it is for you to enhance and expand your curriculum with a \$1,000 or \$5,000 **Science and Math Improvement Grant** from the Toshiba America Foundation (TAF). It's a great way to kick start your school year with a special science or math project and motivate your students to excel. Best of all, TAF will help you with every step of the process it takes to get your grant, including tips on how to apply and much more.

TAF makes more than \$500,000 in grant monies for teachers available each school year, and the program has already awarded educators more than \$8.1 million since its inception. Grants are given to teachers to help them design all kinds of projects to make their own classrooms exciting places to learn.

#### **This is How you Can Apply**

The program is very easy to access for science and math teachers. You can find out all about the program, and how to apply for a grant by visiting [www.taf.toshiba.com](http://www.taf.toshiba.com). You'll also find all kinds of information to help you through the quick and easy application process. You can also call 212-596-0667 for more information.

#### **Have a pet project you'd like to get off the ground? TAF can help!**

A TAF Grant is a great way to get a science or math project off the ground that you've been wanting to do but just haven't had the time or resources. Here are just a few of the successful curriculum-enhancing projects that educators have developed using TAF Grants:

- **"Hands-On Science"** Andre Elementary School in Houston, TX used a TAF mini-grant (\$1,000) to create a series of science learning stations in a fifth grade classroom. Stations included hands-on activities related to simple machines, force and motion, circuits, static electricity, living things and the scientific process.
- **"Got Plasma?"** Stuyvesant High School in New York City used a TAF Grant to inaugurate a special course in plasma physics for advanced 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The course introduced advanced physics students to the subject of plasma and the

experimental techniques used in a modern plasma physics laboratory, and it's now a highlight of the physics program at the elite school.

- **“Looking to Space”**: Plaza Vista School in Irvine, CA will use a recent grant to launch an elective course on engineering and space science. Students will learn about the history of robotics in space, plus new technologies being used by scientists who study Mars. Students will engage in challenging hands-on lab activities like building their own robots, and learn to master key concepts in math and science.
- **“Rutgers Lending Library”**: The Rutgers University Foundation received a grant to support a Biology Equipment Lending Library, featuring new equipment that will be made available for use by Northern New Jersey high school biology students working on research projects. Students will have access to Rutgers University equipment that's not readily available at the high school level. Additionally, Rutgers faculty will assist high school teachers and their students with research design and implementation.

### **About the Toshiba America Foundation**

The mission of the Toshiba America Foundation is to contribute to the quality of science and mathematics education in U.S. communities by investing in projects designed by classroom teachers to help improve science and math achievement for students in grades K-12. The Foundation has supported more than 1,600 schools in communities in all fifty states, Mexico and Canada.

Toshiba America Foundation is a non-profit grant making organization that has been supporting improvements in science and math education through its grants program since 1990. The Foundation was created by Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc. and the Toshiba America Group companies. Toshiba Corporation is a world leader in high technology products. For more information and to download applications, visit [www.taf.toshiba.com](http://www.taf.toshiba.com) or call 212-596-0667.

### **Deadlines and Application Process**

Grants for K-6 teachers of up to \$1,000 are offered each fall. Deadline: October 1st. Grades 7-12 teachers may apply for grants up to \$5,000 at any time during the calendar year. Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Deadlines: February 1st or August 1st.

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