



Nassau TRACT

Teacher Center



A Source for Teachers, A Promise for Students

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Nassau TRACT is going GREEN!

Yes, our new color is green and we are planning that it is EASY to be green. This is our first completely digital newsletter and we are hoping that you will save it for future reference. For the 2009-2010 school year, all our flyers, newsletters and courses as well as any updates, will be delivered electronically to your email inbox. Our conferences will continue to be MAIL-IN registration. This will help us keep our costs down and allow us to impact our environment in a positive way.

NEW TO 2009-2010

New York State Teacher Centers are being funded, for the 2009-2010 school year with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds (ARRA) and will operate under Federal guidelines. Most of these rules will have little or no impact on how we operate. Please be advised that the cost of courses may change. At this time we will NOT be collecting any course fees. You will be billed when the costs of our courses are determined. If you have any questions, you can contact one of the directors or call the office.

Please visit our website at nassautract.org to browse our course offerings and conferences. New York State Teacher Centers on Long Island have developed a web site that lists all courses offered on Long Island by teacher centers. The list is growing each week. There is a link for the website on nassautract.org or you can go directly to Lteachercenters.org.

Please read and save the information below on our program of mini-grants, conference grants and collegial circle grants. This is a great way to bring new material, supplies and ideas to your classroom or school. Share a grant idea or project with a colleague and apply for our super sized mini-grant.

Save These Dates

October 21 – Culturally Responsive Education with keynote speaker Dr. Pedro Noguera,

"Equity and Access in a Cultural Environment"

October 20 – Night at The Nassau County Museum of Art for Parents and Teachers

"See the Museum through the eyes of a child"

January 19 – Technology Conference

February 2 - Cathryn Berger Kaye

March 18– Harry Wong

Check our website nassautract.org for details. Click Conferences and follow the links to register

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All Grant information can be found at nassautract.org

Deadline for submitting Mini -Grant application

October 31, 2009

Who May Apply?

All public and non-public school teachers employed by a Nassau TRACT member district are eligible to apply, either individually or in collaboration with other staff members. Only one mini-grant per person will be awarded.

How Much May I Apply for?

Grants will be awarded for both projects and materials. Project grants can be submitted for up to \$1500.00. There will be several super sized mini-grants of \$2500.00 each. Material grants will be awarded up to \$1500.

What Are Some Suggested Categories for Mini-Grants?

Program and/or Curriculum Enhancement or Remediation

Programs may be developed for specific classroom, grade level or school projects. This may include content areas, the humanities, or improvement of student achievement. Speakers/consultants may be a part of such a proposal.

The Development of Unique Resource Material

This includes teacher-made materials designed for specific projects, lessons, or units of study.

Teaching and/or Learning Process

Research or the exploration of the teaching or learning process as it applies to your students and/or your role as a teacher. This category includes mentoring in a particular content area.

Collaboration - This includes business, industry, and other educational or cultural institutions.

Special projects may be developed in cooperation with other educational or cultural institutions, business or industry. Both the purpose and collaborative effort of the alliance should be clearly defined in the proposal.

Materials - This category may be used to purchase materials that will enrich the curriculum and/or motivate students. Specifics as to their incorporation must be clearly defined in the proposal.

SUPERSIZE MINI -GRANT – These are to be used for multi-class, grade level, school or district-wide collaborative projects.

When writing your Mini-Grant

Do not request funding for food or parties.

Grants are for non-administrative professional staff.

Any approvals required by individual districts--i.e. changes to the classroom--must be submitted along with the grant application.

Submit an itemized budget of equipment and supplies.

Do not use prices from newspapers and magazines.

Do email les@nassautract.org or barbara@nassautract.org with questions.

Do put each section of the grant on a separate page.

Do mark each page with a page number.

Do include a cover sheet dated and signed.

Do ask questions.

Do not include any reference to your school or district.

What are the Responsibilities of a Grant Winner to Nassau TRACT?

Grant winners must keep accurate records of monies spent in conjunction with their project. They must carry out the plan as presented in their proposal and must provide Nassau TRACT with a completed project assessment, documented with pictures of student projects. Each grant winner will receive the grant award through his/her own school district. The purchase of materials and supplies will be done through YOUR school district. When an award is granted please make yourself familiar with the purchasing policies of your school district. Your award will be sent directly to your school district business office and you may contact them directly for any specifics for purchasing.

Mini-Grant Format

Page 1 - Submit a one-page abstract that includes goals and objectives, number and types of students involved, and a description of the project. (marked page 1)

Page 2 - Submit a timeline by month. (marked page 2)

Page 3 - Submit an itemized budget. (marked page 3)

Page 4 - Submit a plan for the evaluation of project. (marked page 4)

When writing your proposal please omit the name and any specific reference identifying your school district.

Mini-Grant Application

Please complete all parts of the application as specified. We will only accept applications that are typed or word-processed in the following format. Deadline: October 31, 2009

Mini-Grants must include the following information on the cover sheet:

Title of the Project

Print your Name

Home Address

School District

School

Home Phone - School Phone

Amount of Funding requested

I understand that the awarding of all mini-grants and the amount shall be at the sole discretion of the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center Policy Board Committee. I also understand that, in the event that I am awarded a grant for the project herein described, Nassau TRACT Teacher Center shall have the right to supply others with a description of my project and to disseminate its underlying concepts and/or ideas. I grant Nassau TRACT permission to publish my grant narrative.

Today's Date

Applicant's Signature – Electronic signatures are accepted

(Please note: Any approvals required by individual districts--i.e. for equipment changes to the classroom--must be submitted along with the grant application.)

Collegial Circle Grant

Start a conversation in your school!!

All Grant information can be found at nassautract.org

We are offering a limited number of collegial circle grants. Plan a collegial circle around a book discussion and we will pay for the books. Plan a collegial circle around equipment, New York State Standards, new pedagogical theory, or start a conversation in your school about education. The grant can be used to pay for any resources that the group will use and/or pay the facilitator (not to exceed \$250) for preparation to insure the success of the collegial circle.

Please include the following information on your collegial circle grant application:

Title of Collegial Circle – Your name – Home Address

School District – School - School Phone – Home Phone - Email Address

Amount of Funding requested

Amount of Funding for Resources - Amount of Funding for Facilitator

Detailed description of the collegial circle, including topic description, meeting dates, outline for each meeting and budget for any resources including vendor information for purchase.

Today's date

Signature – Electronic signature is accepted.

This is an ongoing grant. Grants will be awarded on a first come-first served basis until the funds are exhausted. When collegial circle grant funding is closed, notice will be posted on our website at nassautract.org.

Conference Grant

All Grant information can be found at nassautract.org

To provide funds for site visitation for innovative programs/conferences. All visitation occasions must meet with Policy Board approval. Grant funds are intended to:

encourage investigation of new or current programs that could have an impact on teachers and/or students.

encourage investigation of programs that will enhance professional growth. Grant funds are to be used to cover costs of travel and/or special costs incurred during the visitation. Materials purchased will NOT be covered.

Conference Grant Specifications

Amount of award not to exceed \$500.00.

Visitation must be completed during the current school year.

Expenditures must be accounted for and validated.

Applicants must complete the required items.

Review and award decisions will be the responsibility of the Nassau TRACT Policy Board.

No more than two faculty members per school district will be funded.

No more than one grant will be awarded to a teacher each school year.

Grant application MUST BE received 10 weeks prior to the conference.

Receipts must be submitted 7 days after the conference.

All travel MUST BE completed before April 30, 2010 .

Travel MUST BE within New York State.

Conference Grant Procedure

Step One: Complete the application attaching a copy of the conference information.

Step Two: Fill out conference request form, according to school district procedures. Attach a copy of this form to the Nassau TRACT application.

Step Three: After receiving letter of approval form from Nassau TRACT, register for your conference. You must pay all fees. Follow absence procedures in accordance with your school district policy.

Step Four: Your reimbursement will be mailed to your home address.

Conference Grant Application

Application must have the following information:

Applicant's Name – Position - School Name - School Address - School District - School Phone

Home Address - Home Phone – Email Address

Applicant Profile

Name and Address of Organization sponsoring Conference

Date(s) of visitation.

Budget not to exceed \$500.00 for Registration Fees.

Registration fee paid to _____

Hotel Name and days and dates of stay

Hotel cost per night

Attach a description of the program to be visited, purpose of the visitation and briefly state what you feel this experience has to offer.

I understand that if I am awarded this grant, I must be willing to release information regarding the visitation experience to be printed in the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center Newsletter.

Signature of Applicant – Electronic signature is accepted

Today's Date

All grant applications and supporting material can be mailed to Nassau TRACT as below or emailed to info@nassautract.org

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