

## Grants for Southern California Fieldtrips 2019-2020

### School Funding Center <http://www.schoolfundingcenter.info/>

This school grant database has no equal. It lists every federal, state, foundation, and corporate grant available in the United States, updated it daily. Limited free searches, you have to subscribe.

### "All Aboard the Bus" Field Trip Grant Program - <http://californiamissionsfoundation.org/all-aboard-the-bus-program/>

The California Missions Foundation, with grants from the William H. Hannon Foundation, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation's Youth Fund, the Nancy Buck Ransom Foundation, the Pebble Beach Company Foundation and the Upjohn California Foundation, is pleased to provide funding for Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Monterey County Title 1 elementary schools to take 4 graders to their local mission and see first-hand the rich history of our state.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be accepted beginning April 1, 2019 and must be submitted no later than October 31, 2019. Grants will be awarded in December of 2019. Only one online application per school is accepted for all 4th grade classes at the school. Completed online applications, including a written quote from the bus transportation company, must be submitted no later than October 31, 2019. The California Missions Foundation will award grants in December of 2019. Applications for 2019-20 school year are available beginning April 1, 2019.

### Captain Planet Foundation - <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/>

Proposal must promote understanding of environmental issues; Field trip must be supplemented by semester-long lesson plan & post-trip contact w/foundation - DOES NOT fund transportation costs

### Crystal Cove Alliance K-12 program - <https://crystalcove.org/education/school-programs/>

MPA Citizen Science Cruise, pre-during and post-trip lesson plans, with videos. **Scholarships available for Title 1 schools cruise, transportation.** Sampling abiotic/biotic factors; fish diversity/observations; plankton biodiversity tows; whale-watching. Teacher needs to attend 6 hr Sat. training for \$250 extra scholarship.

### "Every Kid in a National Park" National Program for 4th graders - <https://www.everykidinapark.gov/>

**Free access to all national parks, lands, and waters through August 30, 2019.** Good for a summer bridge program, for parents as well. As a fourth-grade educator, you can download an activity and print paper passes for each of your students. **Program only provides passes for 4th graders.**

**Santa Monica Mountains - Every 4th Grader FREE** <https://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/education/classrooms/ekip.htm>

### FEDCO Classroom Enrichment Fund <https://www.cpp.edu/~fedco/>

For school districts in San Bernardino County and specified school districts in Los Angeles County: **Open until Oct. 15, 2019**

The FEDCO Charitable Foundation is providing grants for full-time public school teachers serving students in grades Kindergarten through 12 in **all school districts in San Bernardino County** and the following school districts in Los Angeles County: **Azusa Unified School District; Bassett Unified School District; Bonita Unified School District; Charter Oak Unified School District; Claremont Unified School District; Covina-Valley Unified School District; Hacienda La Puente Unified School District; Pomona Unified School District; Rowland Unified School District; Walnut Valley Unified School District; West Covina Unified School District.** Grants support hands-on, classroom, or "real-world" field trip projects that "bring learning to life" and increase student academic achievement. Grants are designed to encourage experiential learning, enhance student understanding, and increase student achievement in relation to the curriculum standards in one of the core subject areas of language arts, social studies, mathematics or science.

**Proposed projects must be submitted by a full-time teacher and involve some type of field trip experience.** Field trips may include visiting a museum, artistic or cultural center, participate in a civics or community service project, or have an outreach program bring the experience to your school! Grant funds may be used for transportation, pre- or post-field trip materials, or other expenses specific to the proposed project.

**Grant funds may not be used for the following:** computer hardware, salaries, video cameras, sectarian purposes, substitutes, field trips to amusement parks, or for substituting existing funds that are available to support similar services or third party payments.

Application Process <https://www.cpp.edu/~fedco/application-process/index.shtml>

**Total Available: \$40,000 Grant Amount: \$500 per teacher: A maximum of four grants or \$2,000 will be allowed per school**

### Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grants <http://www.mgaef.org> (for PBL, outdoor research projects)

The foundation will award grants of up to \$1,500 to K-12 environmental education projects. Educators who develop environmental curricula that empower and encourage students to seek solutions to environmental and social problems as informed decision makers are eligible.

## **Metro Student Field Trip Program** - <https://www.metro.net/about/metro-student-field-trip/>

Metro's Transit Safety Team is excited to offer the Metro Student Field Trip Program to LA County Schools, grades 1-12. The program provides students, faculty and chaperones access to 28 approved destinations on Metro bus and/or rail service.

### **Program Overview**

Online curriculum must be completed before requesting a field trip. Field trips are limited to groups of 40, including chaperones. The student-to-adult ratio is 1 adult per 10 students. Students are limited to one field trip per school year. Field trips are limited to the approved locations only. Custom trips are not offered. No children under five years of age are permitted. Trips are only available Monday – Friday, 10am to 2pm. Field trip requests must be made three weeks in advance to field trip date and submitted through the online curriculum only. Field trips are first come, first served and are limited to a total of five per day. All student and adult participants will be issued appropriate fare media to ride the system.

### **STEM-related Fieldtrips available:**

- [Aquarium of the Pacific](#)
- [Arboretum & Botanical Gardens of LA](#)
- [Audubon Center \(Nature Tours / Solar Energy Workshops\)](#)
- [Balboa Park, San Diego](#)
- [Cabrillo Marine Aquarium](#)
- [California Science Center / USC](#)
- [Japanese Gardens](#)
- [Kidspace Children's Museum](#)
- [La Brea Tar Pits](#)
- [Natural History Museum](#)
- [Santa Monica Pier Aquarium](#)
- [Walt Disney Concert Hall \(Physics, Architecture\)](#)
- [826LA-Echo Park](#)

## **Mojave Environmental Education Consortium** - [www.meeconline.com](http://www.meeconline.com)

The Enviro Bus Bucks Field Trip Grant Program offers transportation to specified California locations for schools in the Mojave Desert Region

## **The Nature Conservancy** - [https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/asset/grants/2019\\_Detailed\\_Grant\\_Description.pdf](https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/asset/grants/2019_Detailed_Grant_Description.pdf)

Grants to support projects that implement **green infrastructure to address local environmental challenges**. These include: access to healthy food, air quality, heat island effect, climate change, and storm water collection. Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded up to 50 public or charter schools across the United States. See the [detailed grant description](#) linked on this page for full requirements, guidelines, important dates, and online application information. Samples of an [application](#), an [applicant commitment letter](#), and an [administration letter of support](#) are also available.

## **NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants** - <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/nea-student-achievement-grants/>

*All applicants must be current members of the National Education Association.* The NEA Foundation provides NEA members with grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection.

Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology, or scholars-in-residence. Although some funds may be used to support the professional development necessary to implement the project, the majority of grant funds must be spent on materials or educational experiences for students. Grant amounts are \$2,000 and \$5,000. Deadlines due February 1, June 1, and October 15.

## **Pasadena Educational Foundation Field Trip Fund** - <http://pasedfoundation.org/our-work/grants-awards/field-trip-grants/>

The Pasadena Educational Foundation provides grants to support the education of children in the Pasadena Unified School District. The foundation accepts applications year round for field-trip grants. Applicants may download the application from the foundation's website and mail the completed form to the foundation's office. The foundation will pay invoices and mail a grant check to the applicant.

*Pasadena Educational Foundation  
351 South Hudson Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109  
626-396-3600*

## Passport to Success (Summer Field Trip Program) -

<https://www.familiesinschools.org/what-we-do/reaching-families/passport-to-success/>

Passport to Success provides families with a learning kit and online resources to explore libraries, museums, and cultural events. The learning kit includes a family resource guide (map) to help families explore the available sites and activities across the county, as well as a passport (stamp book) for tracking your visits. Families that register their summer learning kits through Families In Schools are eligible to receive prizes, participate in weekly scavenger hunts and receive learning tips online. **Site opens in April each year; registration for schools, families closes in June.**

Passport to Success is an innovative family engagement campaign that reduces summer learning loss by encouraging students and families to participate in free or low-cost summer learning activities. Families In Schools, in collaboration with our sponsors, community partners, and schools, will provide thousands of families throughout the Greater Los Angeles area with a free Passport to Success kit, which includes a resource guide (map), with information about summer learning activities, and a family passport (stamp book).

Families can get their passport “stamped” each time they visit a new location or attend an event, or repeat a visit to a location. At the end of the summer, they will be eligible to win prizes if they turn in the last page of the passport that summarizes how many stamps they’ve collected. Once registered, families will also be challenged with weekly scavenger hunts, and provided with summer learning tips to keep them engaged throughout the campaign.

## Target Field trip grants <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>

**Easy to get for needy schools** - pays for transportation as well as entrance fees.

Apply between **Aug 1 through Oct 1 each year** – up to \$700 for bus, fees)

## Toshiba American Foundation <http://www.toshiba.com/taf> (Materials for Field Research, PBL projects)

The mission of Toshiba America Foundation is to promote quality science and mathematics education in U.S. schools. Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their math and science classrooms. TAF is interested in funding projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools. Grade **K-5 applications** are accepted once a year on **October 1**. **Grade 6-12 applications for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis**. Grant requests of more than \$5,000 are reviewed twice a year. Applications for **grade 6-12 grants of more than \$5,000 are due February 1 and August 1** each year.

## Walmart Local Giving Program - <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving>

Walmart believes in operating globally and giving back locally – creating impact in the neighborhoods where we live and work. Through the Local Giving Program, Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs and Logistics facilities can support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. If you are applying for funding through a Sam's Club location, additional focus areas are considered. Learn more about the [Sam's Club Giving Program](#).

### Before applying, please note:

- The application deadline to apply for the 2019-20 cycle is **December 31, 2019**.
- The Local Giving Program awards grants of **\$250 to \$2,500** through each of our Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs and Logistics facilities.
- Organizations must be described as one of the following:
  - An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
  - A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;
  - A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or
- Applications must be completed in full and submitted online to be considered.
- Submitting an online application does not guarantee funding.

Please read the [Local Giving Guidelines](#) before beginning your application.

### Overview

Online Application: [http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=2797&x\\_quiz\\_id=4503&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=2797&x_quiz_id=4503&x_order_by=1)

- The minimum amount to apply for is \$250; grants awarded are generally less than \$2,500.
- Organizations must submit an [online application](#) to be considered for funding.
- The deadline to apply for 2020 funding is **December 31, 2019**.

## WHALE TAIL® grants program <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/plate/plgrant.html> (for PBL, outdoor research projects)

The WHALE TAIL® grants program supports marine science education and projects encouraging people to value and take action to improve the health of California's marine and coastal environments. This year there is a special subcategory for projects addressing climate change and/or ocean acidification. Emphasis is on reaching underserved students or members of the general public. Nonprofits, schools, and government agencies may apply. **Applications mailed to the California Coastal Commission must be postmarked by November 5, 2019**. Applicants may request up to \$50,000, and 25-50% of the funding will be allocated in small grants below \$10,000. For an application packet, guidelines and webinar visit: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2479877401102280962>

## SPECIFIC VENUE SCHOLARSHIP/FREE PROGRAMS

### **Aquarium of the Pacific Field Trip Scholarship**

<http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/education/yourfieldtrip/scholarshipform>

Only Non-Profit schools who fall into one of the following categories may apply: Those schools receiving funding for low income children through the state of California (Title I) and/or 40% or more of the student body qualifies for free or reduced meals. Support is contingent upon the availability of funds and the level of need. We cannot guarantee or predict the availability of funds. Should funds be unavailable at the time your application is approved your school will be placed on a waiting list for funding. Schools remain on the waiting list until they can be served.

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium FREE admission** FREE guided Aquarium tours, self-guided or docent-led coastal park research (salt marsh, tide pools, inner and outer harbor pier pilings and sandy beach), 3 hr "Sea Search classes" (low-cost or **free with scholarship**: support is contingent upon the availability of funds and the level of need,) **free** teacher workshops. <https://www.cabrillosmarineaquarium.org/education/programs-school.asp>

### **Fullerton Arboretum Environmental Ed Programs (E.E.P)** [https://fullertonarboretum.org/edu\\_general\\_teacher.php](https://fullertonarboretum.org/edu_general_teacher.php)

Outdoor Ed programs for grades 3-7. Teachers are provided with advanced materials, a **FREE** visit to the Arboretum including **FREE BUS** transportation and a post-visit test. Schools wishing to participate may request a reservation form by contacting Education Assistant, Katherine Dymant at [kddyment@csu.fullerton.edu](mailto:kddyment@csu.fullerton.edu)

### **JPL Public Services Office** <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/tours/views/>

Offers **FREE** tours for groups of 20 or more on an *advance reservation basis*. Visitor **parking** is also available **free** of charge. All tours commonly include a multimedia presentation on JPL entitled "Journey to the Planets and Beyond," which provides an overview of the Laboratory's activities and accomplishments. Guests may also visit the von Karman Visitor Center, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility. See verification requirement for citizen and non-citizen over 18 yrs old.

### **LA Zoo FREE** (for LAUSD/Head-start) & Reduced Rate Programs <https://www.lazoo.org/education/community>

Special discounted admission rates for self-guided and docent-led tours are available with advance reservations ONLY for California school groups and City of Los Angeles Recreation Centers.

### **LA Sanitation Districts FREE Buses/Tours** [https://www.lacsd.org/education/school\\_programs/free\\_bus\\_program.asp](https://www.lacsd.org/education/school_programs/free_bus_program.asp)

Teach 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade at a public or private school. College instructors at accredited 4-year IHE are also eligible. 1.5 hr tour  
Your school must be located in the [Sanitation Districts' service area](#). Visit either a materials recovery facility/landfill or wastewater treatment plant.

### **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County** <http://www.nhm.org/site/for-teachers>

Offers **free admission on Tuesdays** throughout the year and offers reduced ticket prices for children and college students.

### **Santa Monica Mountains - HS EcoHelpers** <https://www.nps.gov/teachers/classrooms/ecohelpers-service-learning-program.htm>

EcoHelpers is a free, NGSS-based restoration field trip for High School students. Students who participate in EcoHelpers will help the park with just one piece of a restoration project. Restoration projects involve evaluating a site, make a plan on how to solve the environmental concern, begin treatments, prepare the site for restoration, restore the site, provide after care, and maintain the treatments after restoration.

### **USC Sea Grant Program – Island Explorers Program** <http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrants/island-explorers/>

Sea Grant's Island Explorers Program exposes students to marine science and other disciplines through classroom use of curriculum materials. The student-centered science curriculum is characterized by hands-on marine science and uniquely focuses on Southern California and Catalina Island coastal environments. It is multidisciplinary and multifaceted, introducing students not only to marine biology, but also to geography and geology, physics, chemistry, and ecology. To support teachers in the use of these curricula, Sea Grant provides teachers with lessons plans and in-person and online workshops with scientific experts.

As part of the Island Explorers program, many students participate on field trips to local beaches and aquaria, or travel by vessel to the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC) on Catalina Island for single day and overnight programs. At the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center, students participate in waterfront studies, laboratory experiments, and island biogeography excursions.

**For more information contact:** Linda Chilton 213-740-1965 email: [lchilton@usc.edu](mailto:lchilton@usc.edu)

## **For Supplemental Materials/Field Equipment AND Field Trips**

### **DonorsChoose.org** <http://www.donorschoose.org/>

*Example of 24 funded projects by one teacher – over \$20,000 in materials, 6 fieldtrips earned*

<http://www.donorschoose.org/we-teach/321275> - click on “31 completed projects” and after reading the ones displayed, click on “show more” at the bottom...

### **How do I earn, spend, or lose points?**

You earn a point every time:

1. Your project is funded and you confirm you still want the materials within 6 days.
2. You return a thank-you package that is complete and compelling.
3. You return your thank-you package on or before its due date.

### **Applying for a Donors Choose.org field trip – you need at least 3 points**

<http://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/201936786-Points-needed-to-submit-a-class-trip-or-visitor-project>

## **School Fundraisers**

### **GRC Wireless Recycling** <http://www.grcrecycling.com/index.cfm>

No cost to sign up for program; collects used cellular phones. Reuses/refurbishes viable phones and recycles non-viable phones according to EPA guidelines; pays for shipping of collected phones and sends check to school.

### **Phoneraiser** <http://www.phoneraiser.com/>

No cost to sign up for program; collects all brands used cell phones & ink jet cartridges

Reuses/refurbishes viable phones, and recycles non-viable phones according to EPA guidelines; ink jet cartridges are recycled and then reused in the marketplace; pays for shipping of collected phones/ink jet cartridges and sends check to school.