

Grant Opportunity: (listed 2-26-06)

Deadline: applications will be accepted from **January 1 through April 7** and **July 1 through September 30**.

Amounts: \$5,000-\$25,000

Funds: May be applied to programs or general operating costs.

For more information check out the website:

http://www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp

Mattel and the Mattel Children's Foundation are pleased to continue for the second year our Domestic Grant making Program. Through this effort, unsolicited applications for funds for organizations benefiting children in need in the United States are accepted, pending the eligibility requirements and guidelines listed below. Charitable organizations that demonstrate they directly serve children in need may be eligible for grants of **\$5,000 up to \$25,000**. Funds may be applied to programs or general operating costs.

Organizations that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities listed below receive priority: 1) **Supporting the health of children**, with particular emphasis on promoting active lifestyles. 2) **Increasing access to education for underserved children and supporting innovative strategies to promote literacy**. 3) Promoting the self-esteem of girls through age 12. Preference will be given to organizations that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1,000,000 and are not affiliated with a national organization, and organizations that have at least two years of experience. In 2006, applications will be accepted from January 1 through April 7 and July 1 through September 30. Visit the website listed above for more information.

Starbuck Foundation Grant: Deadline March 1st details on FLAGS website under grants www.flags-cny.org

Women's Sports Foundation and Gatorade Award Fitness Ambassadors

The [Women's Sports Foundation](http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org) and Gatorade are supporting the [GoGirlGo!](http://www.gogirlgo.com) [Ambassador Team Awards](http://eloop.goldlasso.com/redirect) <<http://eloop.goldlasso.com/redirect>

for 2006. The award recognizes teams affiliated with school, amateur, community and/or nonprofit groups that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity.

Teams whose members are female, enrolled in grades 9-12, at least 13 years old and residents of the United States, its territories or protectorates are eligible.

Deadline: April 7th, 2006

Twenty \$2,500 grants will be awarded. The application deadline is **April 7, 2006**. Additional program information and application guidelines are available at: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi->

<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=34>

Toolkits:

Mentoring toolkit: Helpful Ideas For Literacy Tutoring Programs as well

http://www.mentoring.org/DownloadFiles/Mentor%20Tool%20Kit_full.pdf

Great Local Resources and Opportunities:

I had an opportunity to visit with Deborah Wilson-Allam at the Bilingual/ESL technical Assistance Center (BETAC) last month.

As I was enjoying our discussion and receiving a tour of the facilities she shared with me about the resource library.

BETAC has materials for ELL trainings, tutors, support materials, etc. that is available to loan free of charge from their BOCES office. Have a need for resources?? Take a look!!

OCM BOCES Rodax Building #7 6075 East Molloy Rd. Phone 433-2664

For quick technical assistance, visit the blackboard site "All About English Language Learners at:

**[http://blackboard.ocmboces.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab=courses
&url=%2Fbin%2Fcommon%2Fcourse.pl%3Fcourse_id%3D_2239](http://blackboard.ocmboces.org/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab=courses&url=%2Fbin%2Fcommon%2Fcourse.pl%3Fcourse_id%3D_2239)**

FLAGS Scholarship Opportunities available:

FLAGS members have the opportunity to make use of scholarship funds to help provide

Support to programs for the cost of trainings or workshops. For more information contact

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