



After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

Once again we're looking forward to the annual nation-wide celebration of the tremendous importance of quality afterschool programming: "Lights On Afterschool" Day, October 21, 2010. So far, the Afterschool Alliance has received 46 registrations for local Lights On events in Maine. (We're catching up with New Hampshire, which has 57 right now!)

This year's statewide Lights On event, with a Governor's Proclamation of Lights On Afterschool Day, a rally and fair with exhibits, activities, dignitaries, and afterschool performers, will be held in Waterville at the beautiful Castonguay Square in front of City Hall and the Opera House from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on October 21. Afterschool programs from all over the state are welcome to be exhibitors or just to attend and add to the festivities!

To be an exhibitor or to submit a performance proposal, nominate a youth to act as M.C., or for any other information, contact this office at 778-7576 or cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu.

"Lights On Afterschool" events can be held at any time during the month of October. Get involved in this exciting public information campaign to spotlight the importance of enhanced funding and support for quality afterschool and summer program funding. Please add your program to this campaign by staging an event (register at <http://afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm>) and/or by joining us in Waterville!

Deb & Cyndy

Events

October 21-22 – Annual Maine Assn. for Middle Level Education (MAMLE) Conference – Sugarloaf USA. Focusing on RTI, performance-based learning, at-risk youth, unmotivated learners. Demonstration sessions with panelists and interactive formats. Networking with teachers and principals. Register at <http://www.mamleonline.org/> or contact Wallace.alexander@umit.maine.edu.

October 27 – Youth-led Gubernatorial Debate – Peaks Auditorium, Bangor, 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m., broadcast live on WABI, WPXE, and online with a Web Instant Chat. Five candidates will debate 5 questions posed by youth, organized by Maine Coalition for Excellence in Education. Contact aymiewalshe@zwi.net to involve your youth or otherwise engage.

Nov. 3-4 – "We Can!" program training – Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island – learn how to use the NIH program to keep children at a healthy weight in your community. Register at www.wecantrainings.org.

Nov. 9 – "Mix It Up at Lunch Day" – part of a nationwide initiative to develop inclusive school communities - sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Project. – register your school to participate at <http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up>.

Nov. 11 – Maine Youth Action Network Peer Leadership Conference, Augusta Civic Center. Youth in grades 7 – 12 engage in workshops about leadership, hear keynote speaker, learn about creating change. \$80. Registration at www.myan.org/conference. Questions contact Molly at 553-5920 or moconnell@propeople.org.

Nov. 12 – Maine Anti-Tobacco Youth Summit – Augusta Civic Center. Youth in grades 7 – 12 learn to be anti-tobacco educators, fight tobacco companies, help people quit smoking and resist starting. Free. Register at www.myan.org/summit. Questions see above (Molly).

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Grants

Music Education Grants - To advance access to music education and music making for people of all ages through funding various types of music education programs, including afterschool programs. **Funder:** The NAMM Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Amount:** Not specified. **Deadline:** Sept 30 for letter of inquiry. **Contact:** www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/namm-foundation-funding-guidelines .

Red Robin Foundation U-ACT Program - To challenge middle school and junior high schools to create caring communities and inspire kindness among students. **Funder:** Red Robin Foundation. **Eligibility:** Middle and junior high schools. **Deadline:** Oct 1. **Amount:** Ten awards ranging from \$1,200 to \$15,000. **Contact:** www.redrobin.com/rfoundation/uactprogram.aspx .

2010 Healthy Sprouts Award – To plan a garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. **Funder:** The National Gardening Association and Subaru. **Eligibility:** Schools and organizations. **Deadline:** Oct. 1. **Amount:** 30 grants that will include \$500 gift certificates to the Gardening with Kids catalog, among other items. **Contact:** www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp.

Special Projects (Music) program - Funds instrument repair and the acquisition of new instruments for before- and after-school music programs. **Funder:** Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. **Eligibility:** Established programs (at least three years old) that serve primarily school-age youth from low-income families or students that attend Title I schools. **Deadline:** Oct. 1 (pre-qualification). **Amount:** Up to \$10,000 worth of musical instruments. **Contact:** www.mhopus.org/Apply.

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants - Engage youth in service-learning. **Funder:** State Farm and Youth Service America. **Eligibility:** Teachers, service-learning coordinators and students in a public school, and staff and youth in a community-based organization working with a public school. **Deadline:** Oct 15. **Amount:** Multiple grants of up to \$1000 each. **Contact:** www.ysa.org/goodneighbor .

Music is Revolution Mini-Grant - for music education, through musical experiences, initiating students into a sense of their social, academic, and cultural identity, and humanizing them through the emotional, cognitive, and/or physical impact of music. Funds may be used for supplies, materials, equipment, transportation for a field trip, and/or to bring a performer or musical group to the school. **Funder:** The Music Is Revolution Foundation **Eligibility:** Public school teachers of children in grades K-12 **Amount:** Mini-grants up to \$500 **Deadline:** Oct. 15 **Contact:** www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini_Grant_Application.pdf

UnitedHealth HEROES Service-Learning Grants – health literacy initiative designed to encourage young people to partner with schools and nonprofits to create and implement local hands-on programs to fight childhood obesity. **Funder:** Youth Service America (YSA) and the UnitedHealth Group. **Eligibility:** educators, non-profit leaders, and students. **Amount:** up to \$1,000. **Deadline:** Oct. 22 **Contact:** <http://www.ysa.org/HEROES> \

Verizon Foundation grants - To improve lives through education, literacy, domestic violence prevention, healthcare and accessibility and internet safety. **Funder:** Verizon Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits, elementary and secondary schools and faith-based organizations. **Deadline:** Oct 31. **Amount:** Multiple awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. **Contact:** <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines>.

Tiger Woods Foundation grants - To support education and youth development to help students ages 8-18 reach their full potential. **Funder:** Tiger Woods Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** Nov 1. **Amount:** Multiple awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 each. **Contact:** <http://web.tigerwoodsfoundation.org/programs>.

Youth Garden Grants – for child-centered garden programs. **Funder:** the National Gardening Association (NGA) and HomeDepot. **Eligibility:** schools and community organizations. **Amount:** 5 programs will receive a \$500 Home Depot gift card and a \$500 NGA gift card, while 95 programs will receive a \$500 Home Depot gift card. **Deadline:** November 1, 2010. **Contact:** www.kidsgardening.org/ygg.asp .

Office Depot funds - For the priorities of serving, teaching and inspiring children, youth and families; supporting civic organizations and activities that serve community needs; and disaster relief. **Funder:** Office Depot Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Deadline:** Nov. 15. **Amount:** average \$1,000 **Contact:** www.officedepotfoundation.com/funding.asp.

The Irving Community Fuel Grant Program – NEW! for “causes in the Irving Oil community,” including education (from early childhood to afterschool for teens), the environment, and urgent community needs (“healthcare to homelessness”). **Funder:** Irving Oil Co. **Eligibility:** 501(c)3 organizations. **Amount:** one-year grants up to \$15,000. **Deadline:** November 30, 2010. **Contact:** http://www.irvingoil.com/pr_retail/community/

Purpose:

To enable every child to have access to quality, inclusive, affordable after school programming that meets the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Vision:

Every school-age child in Maine will have access to quality; inclusive, affordable programs during out-of-school time that meet the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Network Goals:

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
- 2. Assist in securing resources needed to develop new after school programs and sustain existing programs.*
- 3. Assist with training, technical assistance and coordination to ensure that programs are inclusive, high quality, and meet the needs of children, families and communities.*