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### SPOTLIGHT NEWS

#### **\*\*Runaway and Homeless Youth Concept Paper\*\***

In advance of the release of a Request For Proposals for Residential and Non-Residential Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) is issuing a Concept Paper on August 19, presenting the agency's approach to this important field. The RHY Concept Paper will also be posted on DYCD's Web site on August 19: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) and public comment is invited. Please go to the DYCD Web site for additional information.

#### **\*\*Federal Reserve Bank of New York Hosts SYEP Youth Focus Group\*\***

On August 3, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in partnership with Cornell University and the FDIC, engaged fourteen SYEP participants working at the Henry Street Settlement in a focus group discussion. The goal was to obtain a youth perspective as the Federal Reserve Bank planned a state-wide marketing campaign *New York Saves*, encouraging individuals to begin to save and set financial goals. The SYEP participants were then given an orientation on careers in economics and taken on a tour of the gold vault.

#### **\*\*DYCD Participates in UN Celebration of International Youth Day in New York City\*\***

Mayor Bloomberg has declared August 12, "International Youth Day in New York City." DYCD's Deputy Commissioner for Youth Services, Bill Chong, will join Nane Annan, wife of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, NBA All-Star, Dikembe Mutombo and singer, Roberta Flack in a celebration of the event at the United Nations. In keeping with Mayor Bloomberg's proclamation urging young people "to forge connections within the five boroughs and throughout the world," participants in DYCD's Beacon programs will join other young people from Morocco, Kenya, Brazil, and India in a discussion of issues of concern to youth.

### PROGRAM UPDATES

#### **\*\*Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) nears completion for 2005\*\***

Currently in the sixth week of operation, SYEP has an enrollment of 41,500 youth representing over 4,000 different worksites, including 2,500 jobs in the private sector. The payroll process has, once again, been a great success; after the first two payrolls, youth have accessed over \$13 million through 170,000 debit card transactions. A recently added feature allows participants of the program to check the number of hours they have worked, and the amount of money they have earned, via the DYCD Web site.

#### **\*\*Technical Assistance to Build Capacity of DYCD Community-Based Organizations \*\***

New Technical Assistance (TA) contracts will begin September 1. Program Development TA will include support programs for youth, families and communities, workforce development programs for youth, and comprehension of federal regulations affecting immigrants. Organizational Infrastructure Development TA will include capacity building for emerging and established organizations, and capacity building for organizations that serve people with disabilities. There will also be a fiscal management TA component. For additional information on DYCD Technical Assistance programs, go online to: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd).

### **\*\*OST Providers Look Forward to the Program Launch\*\***

On September 12, Out-of-School Time (OST) providers will begin offering free, high-quality programs throughout the City during hours that meet the schedules of working parents.

### **\*\*Youth Board/Youth Council to Hold Quarterly Meeting\*\***

On September 8, the DYCD Youth Board/Youth Council will meet from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Economic Development Corporation, 110 William Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. This meeting is open to the public; if you would like to attend, please RSVP to Karen Fleshman (212) 676-8203.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **\*\*YOUTH\*\***

The **Achelis and Bodman Foundations** provides funding for arts and culture, education, employment, health, public policy, and youth programs to nonprofit organizations in New York City and Northern New Jersey. Grants are reviewed in September, December and May. Inquiries or proposal letters may be sent to: Joseph S. Dolan, Executive Director, The Achelis and Bodman Foundations, 767 Third Avenue, Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10017-2023. More guidelines may be viewed at:

<http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/achelis-bodman> .

The goal of the **Staples Foundation for Learning** is to help local groups with programs and services that will positively impact their communities every day. They have implemented an online application process. Applications are due September 27 for the November quarterly cycle. For guidelines, go to:

<http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html> .

The **Starbucks Foundation** funds programs for youth, ages 6-18, which integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. Letters of Inquiry from organizations that work with underserved youth in the fields of literacy (reading, writing and creative/media arts) and environmental literacy are welcome. The deadline is September 1. For more information, call the hotline (206) 318-7022, email @ [foundationgrants@starbucks.com](mailto:foundationgrants@starbucks.com) or go to:

<http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/GIVING%20VOICE%20GUIDELINES.pdf> .

The **William T. Grant Foundation** has announced a new grants competition that will support intervention research to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations. The goals for this RFP are to support studies focused on improving youth-serving organizations and to build a greater capacity for the field of intervention research focused on such organizations. The Foundation will support a small group of experimental and high-quality quasi-experimental studies that provide theoretically important findings on how these organizations operate and how to improve them. Award amounts will range from \$250,000 to \$1,500,000 for the duration of the project. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is October 17, 2005, and the deadline for invited full proposals is February 13, 2006. For the downloadable RFP and additional guidelines, go to: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org> .

**Youth Service America** is recruiting lead agencies for the 18th Annual National Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. Lead agencies increase the scope, visibility, and sustainability of National Youth Service Day by leading large city, regional, or statewide celebrations.

They receive a \$2,000 grant, media exposure, outreach support, planning resources, and year-round service planning assistance. To be eligible, applicants must be able to demonstrate the organizational capacity to fulfill the responsibilities of a lead agency; have the ability to engage a variety of community groups; have the ability to plan to mobilize a citywide, regional, or statewide National Youth Service Day celebration involving more than five hundred youth volunteers in service over the weekend of April 21-23, 2006; and have the ability to respond to quick deadline press opportunities. To learn more, visit the YSA Web site. <http://www.ysa.org>.

One hundred \$1,000 grants, funded by the **State Farm Companies Foundation**, are available from Youth Service America for teachers, youth (ages 5-25), and school-based service-learning coordinators to implement service-learning projects for National Youth Service Day, April 21-23, 2006. Service-learning

is a teaching method that combines meaningful service with curriculum or program-based learning. Schools and organizations use service-learning as a tool to help youth build stronger academic skills, foster civic responsibility, and develop leadership skills. Grant applications must be received by mail by October 17. For questions or more information, please contact the Grants Department at [GoodNeighbor@ysa.org](mailto:GoodNeighbor@ysa.org).

The mission of the **Baseball Tomorrow Fund** is to promote and enhance the growth of baseball in the United States, Canada, and throughout the world, by funding programs, fields and equipment purchases to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game. A Letter of Inquiry should be submitted to determine if the project meets the basic criteria of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund before a request for a grant is made. For guidelines and more information, go to: [http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official\\_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant\\_process](http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process)

The **Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation** provides a variety of grants to strengthen and support grassroots youth baseball and softball in local communities and to increase opportunities for youth. The deadline for applications is October 15. For further information, to: <http://www.ripkenfoundation.org/programs/grants/> .

The **Dana Foundation** announces funds to support innovative professional development programs leading to improved teaching of the performing arts in public schools. The Foundation's interests include but are not limited to the following: dance, music or theater based on a specific pedagogy; and arts curricula integrated into a school's standard curriculum. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is: August 31. View guidelines online at: <http://www.dana.org/grants/artseducation>

The **Louis Calder Foundation**, through capital and operating support, seeks to provide opportunities for children and youth to access meaningful non-school hour and summer programming that provides enriched academic activities designed to nurture and develop reasoning and critical thinking skills while promoting scholarship. There is no deadline. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.louiscalderfdn.org> .

The *Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation National Child Care Teacher Awards*, sponsored by **Tylenol**, acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Applicants are required to design a project to enhance their classroom. Award recipients will receive \$1,000-\$500 for the teacher's personal use, and \$500 to create the project. An award ceremony will take place in spring 2006 in Pennsylvania, and hotel and transportation will be provided for the recipients. For eligibility requirements and an application, log on to: <http://www.childcareabc.org> .

The mission of the **Captain Planet Foundation** is to support hands-on environmental projects for children and youth (ages 6 through 18). The Foundation is interested in funding innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work to solve environmental problems in their communities. All funded projects must include adult supervision and must help young people develop planning and problem solving skills. Requests are reviewed quarterly, and the remaining deadlines for 2005 are September 30 and December 31. Online application forms are available on the Web site: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/>

#### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **Starr Foundation** offers funding to NYC nonprofits for medicine and healthcare; human needs (emergency food programs, job training, literacy programs, programs for the disabled and programs that provide emergency or transitional housing for the underprivileged); public policy and culture (both to large cultural institutions such as museums and to small, community-based groups providing special services to specific populations, such as the elderly and the disabled.) There are no deadlines or formal applications. Go to the Web site for proposal requirements and guidelines: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/> .

**Hilton Hotels Corporations'** charitable giving interests are focused in the following areas: K-12 education programs; selected health care programs; youth programs; and civic affairs and public policy

programs. They support selected organizations with a national constituency or those that are located in communities where the company has a corporate office or a major operating presence. There are no deadlines; applications are reviewed each fiscal quarter. Go to the Web site for all guidelines, as well as a list of documents to be mailed:

[http://hiltonworldwide.hilton.com/en/ww/company\\_info/philanthropy\\_citizenship.jhtml](http://hiltonworldwide.hilton.com/en/ww/company_info/philanthropy_citizenship.jhtml) Applications cannot be emailed or faxed.

The **Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation** (CICF) focuses its efforts on programs that are designed to improve the quality of life in the communities served by the cruise industry. CICF supports programs that enhance educational opportunities for youth, including those designed to improve literacy, teach basic life skills, and promote good citizenship. The Foundation also supports academic enrichment opportunities aimed at enhancing student proficiencies in reading, math and science. Applications for grants are accepted on the calendar quarter. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.iccl.org/foundation/history.cfm> .

The **Hyde and Watson Foundation** funds capital projects (including purchase, renovation and upgrading of the building site, and purchase of equipment including computers), in New York City and Northern New Jersey. Their primary focus is health, education, religion, social services, the arts and humanities. Applications are encouraged as early as possible before the September 15 deadline, for the fall board meeting review. For guidelines and an application, logon to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/hydeandwatson/guide.html> .

The **New York Times Company Foundation**, which conducts a range of philanthropic activities in New York communities that are home to Times Company business units, is accepting applications for grants in five areas: journalism, service, culture, environment, and education. Grants are not made to individuals, sectarian religious institutions and causes, for capital improvements, or for health, drug, or alcohol therapy purposes. Starting in 2006 the foundation will make all grants in April. Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply for a grant for any time in 2006 should submit a proposal no later than September 1, 2005. Go online to: <http://www.nytc.com/company/foundation/index.html> .

The **U. S. Trust Corporation Foundation** focuses on organizations that address community and economic development issues, Grant priority is given to programs which improve and increase affordable housing for low-income residents; revitalize low-income communities through job creation and comprehensive neighborhood development; and initiatives for disadvantaged youth to prevent school failure through early intervention and/or allow them to acquire marketable skills that lead to employment. The application deadline is September 1. For guidelines and more information, go online to: [http://www.ustrust.com/public/ustrust/our\\_firm/community\\_contributions?cmsid=P-564113&lv1=our\\_firm&lv2=community\\_contributions](http://www.ustrust.com/public/ustrust/our_firm/community_contributions?cmsid=P-564113&lv1=our_firm&lv2=community_contributions)

The **Charles Frueauff Foundation** makes social service grants in New York City. First time grantees are awarded \$15,000. Welfare-to-Work programs, creative approaches to working with at-risk youth, inadequate day-care systems, and economic development initiatives are receiving attention from the Trustees today. Annual applications are September 15 to March 15. The Web site has complete information, including a sample of a "good application." Contact Sue Frueauff, Program Officer at (501) 219-1410 or go online to: <http://www.frueaufffoundation.com> .

The mission of the **FedEx** Global Community Relations Department is to actively support the communities they serve and strengthen their global reputation through strategic investment of their people, resources and network. Corporate resources include financial contributions, in-kind shipping services and volunteer services of their employees. For additional information, go to: <http://www.fedex.com/us/about/responsibility/community/?link=4> .

The **National Eye Institute** recognizes the importance of strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations by providing "seed money" to begin or continue vision-related health education projects through its *Healthy Vision 2010 Awards Program*. These awards for up to \$10,000 each are for the implementation of health education activities on diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma,

occupational eye injury, personal protective eyewear, and vision rehabilitation. Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, August 31, 2005. For details, visit: [www.healthyvision2010.org/news](http://www.healthyvision2010.org/news).

*2006 Innovations in American Government \$100,000 Award* is sponsored by the **Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation** and the **Council for Excellence in Government**. Two additional awards will be granted under the **Fannie Mae Foundation Innovations Award in Affordable Housing** and the **Annie E. Casey Innovations Award in Children and Family System Reform**. The *Innovations in American Government Awards* recognizes outstanding problem solving within the public sector, while the Annie E. Casey Award focuses specifically on public-policy innovation in the area of child and family services. The Fannie Mae Foundation recognizes innovation in the area of affordable housing. All three grants use the same application process. To be eligible, programs must be nominated at least one year after their inception, be currently operational, and run under the authority of a government entity. Applications must be handled by the government entity responsible; all units of federal and state governments are eligible to apply. The application is September 15. Go to: [http://www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu/Selection\\_Criteria.cfm](http://www.innovationsaward.harvard.edu/Selection_Criteria.cfm) online.

**Balance Bar Community Grants** support nonprofit organizations that offer programs that enhance people's physical health while they pursue a passion that enriches their lives. Grants are available to nonprofit organizations such as road runners clubs, trails conferences, parks and recreation departments, athletics programs and leagues, youth organizations, etc. Eligible requests include support for equipment, training, education programs, and events. Organizations can apply for a grant ranging from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$25,000. The application deadline is August 31, 2005. Applications must be submitted online at: <http://www.balance.com/>.

The **R.O.S.E. Fund** is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to recognizing, assisting, and empowering women who have broken the cycle of domestic violence. Its mission is to encourage personal growth beyond the initial recovery from domestic violence. The bulk of grants (primarily to organizations in the Northeast) are distributed to small organizations (annual budget no greater than \$500,000), but they are happy to consider larger organizations that address their mission. The yearly cycle takes place at the end of the calendar year. For more guidelines, go to: <http://www.rosefund.org/programs/grants.asp>.

**Boeing** seeks to fund programs that provide innovative performances and exhibitions that introduce new voices and perspectives to the community; collaborative efforts developed to create a more sustainable arts and culture environment; and programs that engage people to become lifelong arts and culture participants, patrons, or practitioners. They not only offer cash, but in-kind donations and services including surplus office equipment, printing services, tech support and transportation. Requests submitted after October 31 will not be considered until the following January. For more information, go to: <http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/community/guidelines.htm#ap>

The **Public Welfare Foundation** is a non-governmental grant-making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs. Grants have been awarded in the areas of criminal justice, disadvantaged elderly and youth, environment, population, health, community and economic development, human rights and technology assistance. The Foundation provides both general support and project-specific grants. Although most grants cover a period of one year, the Foundation accepts requests for funding renewals and also makes multi-year grants. Grants for one-time purposes are also considered. Generally speaking, there are no deadlines; requests for new funding may be submitted at any time during the year. View online: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/index.asp>.

Federal **Legal Assistance Grants** provide states with a cost-effective way to increase the number of seniors who receive quality legal assistance, particularly the underserved. Applicants must be experienced in providing legal assistance to older persons. Each project will be funded at a federal share of approximately \$100,000 - \$150,000 per year for a project period of two years, to be determined by the amount roughly proportionate to the state's senior population, and by the availability of federal funds.

There will be eight awards of \$150,000 totaling \$900,000. Applications are due August 16. To view the full announcement and guidelines, go to:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/AoA/CM/HHS-2005-AOA-LH-0507/listing.html>

The **Puffin Foundation** makes grants that encourage emerging artists in the fields of art, music, theater, dance, photography, and literature whose works, due to their genre and/or social philosophy, might have difficulty being aired. Average grant awards range between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Proposals for 2006 grants will be accepted from October 2005 until December 30, 2005.

The application deadline is December 30. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete information on requesting an application and/or for descriptions of funded projects.

<http://www.puffinfoundation.org/grants/prospectiveapplicant.html>

The **Association of Blind Citizens** has established the *Assistive Technology Fund*. It will provide funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software to allow blind and visually impaired individuals access to technology products that will have a significant impact on improving employment opportunities, increase the level of independence and enhance their overall quality of life. The products covered by this program must retail for a minimum of \$200 with a maximum retail price of \$6,000. Persons eligible to apply for assistance must have a family income of less than \$50,000 and cash assets of less than \$20,000. Applicants must be legally blind and a resident of the United States to qualify for this program. Applications must be submitted by September 30th via email: [atf@blindcitizens.org](mailto:atf@blindcitizens.org).

The **American Association of People with Disabilities** invites applications for the *Paul G. Hearne/AAPD leadership Awards*. The award will recognize up to two emerging leaders who have demonstrated achievements that show a positive impact on the broad community of people with disabilities; a positive vision for the disability community; and a continuing commitment to their leadership activities and collaborative efforts, potentially leading to contribution at a national level. Each award winner will receive \$10,000 to continue their progress in leadership roles. For information on past awardees, guidelines and application procedures, visit:

[http://www.aapddc.org/awards/awards04/hearne\\_app04.html](http://www.aapddc.org/awards/awards04/hearne_app04.html)

## RESOURCES

The **Youth Policy Action Center** functions as a central hub to issue action alerts and post resources for youth advocates, with the goal of promoting youth involvement and empowerment. The Center, a collaborative effort organized by a growing assembly of advocacy and youth organizations from across the county, strives to level the political playing field by bringing technological savvy and mass outreach efforts to scale for those who believe young people are the nation's most precious resource. For more information, visit the Web site:

<http://www.youthpolicyactioncenter.org/>

The 16th annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* was released July 27 by the **Annie Casey Foundation**. The entire report is available online with enhanced interactive features. The 2005 Data Book focuses on "Helping Our Most Vulnerable Families Overcome Barriers to Work and Achieve Financial Success". Go to: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*August 17** – The **Council of Community Service of New York State** (CCSNYS) is pleased to offer, free of charge, *The New York State Board Training Consortium Achieving Excellence in Governance Workshops* at the New York State Society of CPAs offices at 3 Park Ave., 18th Floor. This training is open to everyone. Executive Directors may attend if accompanied by a board member. Please join them for the following educational and interactive workshops:

- 9:00 A.M. -12:00 Noon - Duties and Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards
- 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Human Resource Issues for Nonprofit Boards
- 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - Developing a Fiscally Accountable Nonprofit Board

**\*\*August 30 – The AI Faith Communities Project and the Federal Partners Council** are sponsoring a free one-day workshop for faith and community-based organizations entitled, "Applying for Federal Funding?" It will be held at the Lenox Road Baptist Church, 1356 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Refreshments and lunch will be provided; pre-registration is required. Contact Carol Tyrell at (518) 473-2300.

**\*\*September 16 – The Foundation Center** will present an introductory one-day course, designed for beginners, to show how your organization can identify potential funders and prepare to seek grants from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Check-in and coffee: 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. It will be held at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue (at 16th Street), 2nd Floor. Course fee: \$125 per person.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**From the Top** and the **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation** share a passion for helping exceptional young people reach their potential. The goal of the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award is to identify and nurture talented young musicians (ages 8-18) whose lack of financial resources might otherwise impede their progress. Twenty-five student musicians will be selected annually to receive Cooke Young Artist Awards. Cooke Young Artist Award Recipients receive up to \$10,000 in support, a performance on From the Top's radio program, and Cultural Leadership training. The application deadline is September 1.

In addition, students who appear on From the Top's radio show during the 2005-2006 Season are eligible for a \$7,500 scholarship from the **New England Conservatory** upon successful application, admission, and confirmed enrollment into any NEC college program. The NEC Offices of Admission and Financial Aid will send all From the Top performers a letter detailing more specific information about this scholarship opportunity. Go to: <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org> online for more information.

The **Sullivan Foundation** seeks exceptionally talented young singers who are taking first steps in professional careers. Applicants must be in the early stages of their careers, and have completed their academic training. They should have sung at least one engagement with a known opera company, symphony orchestra, or other organization utilizing full orchestral accompaniment, and must submit a copy of a contract for a professional engagement with full orchestra following the November auditions. If you are eligible and wish to audition for the foundation, please send an email with your name, mailing address, and phone number to: [applications@sullivanfoundation.org](mailto:applications@sullivanfoundation.org) You will be sent an application form which should be returned promptly, together with a one page resume, photo, a copy of a contract for an engagement following the audition, and a sealed letter of endorsement, written specifically for you in regard to your application, from the music or artistic director of an opera company or a prominent conductor with whom you have performed. Completed applications must be received by September 12.

The **Freedom Forum Diversity Institute** is accepting applications for its 2006 Class of Journalism Fellows. The Institute is a training program at Vanderbilt University for people of color who want to become journalists but have not had formal journalism training. The program is designed to develop participants' skills as reporters, copy editors, photographers, and graphic artists. The Freedom Forum pays all expenses for training, transportation, and housing, plus a stipend during the training period. To be admitted to the program, participants must have sponsoring newspapers that agree to provide them full-time jobs as journalists upon successful completion of the training session. The 2006 Diversity Institute class will run from February 5 to April 28. Eligible nominees must be able to relocate temporarily to Nashville, Tennessee, during the training period, and agree to work at the newspaper that endorses their application at the end of the classroom instruction time. The application deadline is December 9. For additional information, visit the Web site: <http://www.freedomforum.org/>

**MTV and Youth Venture** are teaming up to offer up to \$1,000 each week to young people (age 13 and older) who are making a difference by creating and leading their own ongoing organizations, clubs or businesses that address a need in their community. The focus must be on one of the following issue areas: discrimination, education, the environment, global issues and sexual health. There are up to 36 Grand Prize winners; each week one grant will be awarded to a group of young people (two or more) who

submit the most compelling and sustainable think venture application. Applications must be postmarked by December 31. For an application, go to: <http://www.youthventure.org/>.

**Target** and the **Tiger Woods Foundation** have restructured *Start Something*, a program that helps young people pursue their dreams and goals and encourages youth leadership and community stewardship. Young people between the ages of 8 and 17 can apply for a Start Something scholarship ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 that can be used to help winners continue to pursue their goals. Examples include music lessons, sports camps, special educational programs, travel, and the purchase of equipment. Scholarships are awarded three times a year, with applications due September 1, and January 1, and May 1. Over the course of the year, the program will award scholarships totalling \$300,000. For more information and guidelines, go to: <http://startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp>

*Girls Going Places*<sup>®</sup> *Entrepreneurship Award Program* is **Guardian's** annual initiative designed to reward the enterprising spirits of girls ages 12 to 18. Guardian awards prizes to 15 girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; are taking the first steps toward financial independence; and make a difference in their school and communities. Prizes totaling \$30,000 are awarded to three top winners and 12 finalists each year, to further their entrepreneurial pursuits. The 2006 program launches September 1st. For general information about the *Girls Going Places*<sup>®</sup> *Entrepreneurship Program* and *Girls Going Places*<sup>®</sup> *Entrepreneurship Conferences*, contact [diana\\_acevedo@glic.com](mailto:diana_acevedo@glic.com). Get a copy of the entry form and instructions on how to enter the program in PDF or WORD:

[http://www.guardianlife.com/womens\\_channel/girls\\_going\\_places/girls\\_going\\_places.html](http://www.guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/girls_going_places.html)

Approximately 20 high school seniors will be selected by **The New York Times College Scholarship Program** to receive four-year scholarships. Funds for eight \$7,500 annual college scholarships for each of four years are provided by The New York Times Company Foundation. Funds for additional scholarships of \$7,500 a year for each of four years are provided by an endowment supported mainly by the Starr Foundation. The program is open to high school seniors who are attending a public, parochial or private school in New York City. Candidates must have demonstrated academic achievement, community service and a commitment to learning especially in the face of financial and other obstacles. Preference will be given to students whose parents have not graduated from accredited four-year colleges or universities. Inquiries about this scholarship program should be made to: The New York Times College Scholarship Program, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

The **Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science & Technology** recognizes individual growth for high school students who are willing to challenge themselves through science research. Students may submit research reports either individually or in teams of two or three members. The top individual and team winners receive additional scholarships of \$100,000. Runners-up receive scholarships ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The deadline for applications is: Oct. 3. View online: <http://www.siemens-foundation.org/competition>

The **NYC Parks and Recreation Department** is looking for candidates interested in making a one year commitment to the *GreenApple Corps*, a federal program funded through an AmeriCorps grant. Projects will focus on the promotion of community involvement and awareness of environmental issues through volunteer recruitment, restoration projects and education initiatives in schools and neighborhoods. Participants will receive a modest living stipend throughout the program and an education award upon completion. For job qualifications and additional information, go to: [http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_about/parks\\_divisions/greenapple\\_corps/pd\\_greenapple\\_corps.html](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_about/parks_divisions/greenapple_corps/pd_greenapple_corps.html) .