Grant Title: EXCELLENCE IN SUMMER LEARNING AWARD

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


Area of Research: Recognizes outstanding summer programs that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Annually in March.

Amount: Previous winners have received many benefits from this award including professional networking, publicity, and publishing opportunities. The Association strives to work with each award winner to support the program's development and promote it among media and policy makers in support of our mission. Past winners of the Excellence in Summer Learning Award have participated in policy forums on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC on National Summer Learning Day and have received considerable local and national press.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible for the award, applicants must: Be a public or private organization or agency (schools, community-based organizations, libraries, universities, faith-based organizations, etc.) OR a collaboration of the aforementioned organizations or agencies; serve young people between kindergarten and twelfth grade over the summer months; strive to accelerate academic achievement and promote healthy development as a central goal of the program; have operated a program for at least two summers; demonstrate a strong commitment to equity and to expanding access to summer learning in high-poverty communities. Additional consideration will be given to programs serving disadvantaged communities or populations.

Summary: The Excellence in Summer Learning Award recognizes outstanding summer programs that demonstrate excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for young people between kindergarten and twelfth grade. The award is given annually based on an application and interview process that elicits information on a program's history, mission, goals, operations, management, staff development, partnerships, results, and sustainability. Applicants are reviewed by NSLA staff in addition to peer organizations in the field. This year, site visits to a select group of finalists to observe program activities will be conducted before announcing the awards. The Excellence in Summer Learning Award seeks to find and draw national attention to exemplary programs which provide and expand access to high-quality summer learning experiences for all young people. The award does not give preference to applicants based on program location or size.

Detailed Information: http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=excellence_summer