

2011-12 Scholarships for Professional Development Using KIDS Consortium's Model of Service-Learning

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE), in partnership with KIDS Consortium, is pleased to announce a special opportunity for schools/school districts and community organizations in Massachusetts to apply for a service-learning professional development scholarship.

Founded in 1992, KIDS (Kids Involved Doing Service-Learning) Consortium is a non-profit organization based in Maine that strengthens service-learning collaborations by preparing and connecting students, educators, and community partners. Through service-learning, young people gain the essential problem solving, communication and teamwork skills needed to address complex issues in their communities and succeed in a competitive global work force. <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/about.php>

The ESE anticipates granting multiple professional development awards for the 2011-12 school year. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come first serve basis until all funds are expended. The first round of scholarships will be awarded by January 13, 2012. After this date, awards will be made on a rolling basis.

Training day(s) will be scheduled between January 2012 and June 2012. Applicants selected for this award will receive up to 2 days of on-site service-learning professional development services from KIDS Consortium. (A value of \$500-\$5000). KIDS staff will work closely with selected applicants to tailor professional development to meet local needs.

Examples of KIDS Consortium's most frequently requested services:

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/services.php>

- **Awareness Workshop (1-4 hrs)**

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/awareness.php>

Designed to help educators develop a basic understanding of our award winning service-learning model.

- **Planning and Implementing Workshop (1-2 days)**

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/planimplement.php>

Designed to prepare educators to implement a high quality service-learning project using tools and strategies from our KIDS As Planners Guidebook

- **Sustainability Planning Seminar (2-3 days)**

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/sustainabilityplanning.php>

Designed to help teams of local school and community leaders explore the essential elements of service-learning sustainability and engage in a collaborative planning process to identify and implement strategies to sustain service-learning.

- **Reflective Practice Sessions (1/2 day-full day)**

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/reflectivepractice.php>

This session will help you reflect on the quality of your projects based on the National Standards for Quality Service-Learning Practice. Designed for educators who are implementing service-learning projects, or have done so in the past.

Prerequisite: Must be implementing or have implemented an SL project.

- **Coaching Sessions (for individual teachers or teams 30min - 1/2 day)**

<http://www.kidsconsortium.org/coaching.php>

Designed to coach K-12 educators who are planning or implementing service-learning projects. These sessions might include a variety of needs from curriculum, instruction or assessment planning, to developing a collaborative working environment in the classroom.

- **Service-Learning and Science Curriculum Topic Study (NEW offer! Two-Parts, 8:30-3:30 each day)**

An exciting partnership is informing teacher practice about linking STEM standards, research on how students learn these content areas, and high quality service-learning experiences. Explore curriculum planning tools and examples of students tackling issues with connections to STEM content and skills, such as energy use, E-waste and more!

Participants will:

- Learn about KIDS award-winning "model of service learning as a way to implement high quality service-learning that meets national standards of quality practice
- Learn about Curriculum Topic Study (CTS) as a way to build teacher understanding of what to teach, how to teach, and why to teach particular topics in STEM content areas
- Practice using CTS by conducting a study of the key ideas pertaining to "Data"
- Apply the CTS process to topics you currently teach
- Create a plan that incorporates high quality STEM/service-learning into your teaching environment

- **Literature and Guided Discovery for Service-Learning (NEW offer! 4 hours)**

Participants will discuss how literature can be used as a Guided Discovery strategy for launching a service-learning project, while at the same time teach/reinforce literacy skills. Participants will review the idea that SL needs to start with a problem or a need instead of a solution while looking for themes/issues in books and discussing effective literacy strategies that can be used to help students launch discussions about service-learning projects.

What is provided if I get a scholarship for my school/district?

- KIDS Consortium will provide top notch education consultants, useful resources and materials
- KIDS As Planners Guidebooks and CTS books as needed

What is expected of the applicant?

- Applicants are asked to provide appropriate space for the training, snacks/meals as needed, and to cover any expenses related to substitute teachers or other stipends for faculty
- **Applicants are asked to ensure that a minimum of 10 participants** (coaching sessions may be less) take part in workshop and/or open up the training to others who are interested from outside their school/district/organization. ESE will assist with marketing

How do I apply? NOTE: apply early, this opportunity is first come first serve

- Complete an on-line application:
http://www.formstack.com/forms/kidsconsortium-ma_pd_scholarshipap

When will I be notified?

- The ESE and KIDS Consortium will notify applicants of the award by January 13, 2012 (or, after this date, within 2 weeks of submission) via the email address provided on the application
- Selected applicants will work with KIDS Consortium staff to select dates for the training and plan the professional development session(s)

Please contact Kristen McKinnon at the ESE with any questions:

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Thank you for your consideration of this unique opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please visit KIDS Consortium Website for additional information:

www.kidsconsortium.org