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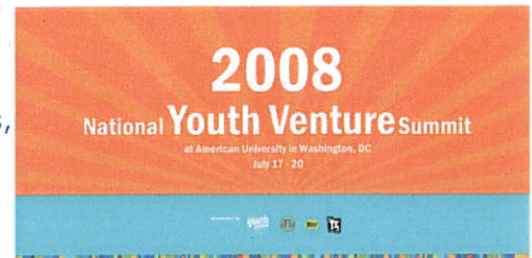
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Dear Venturer,

The National Youth Venture Summit, held July 17-20, 2008 in Washington, DC, brought together more than 200-Venturers, young leaders, and adult allies from across the nation. Summit participants were welcomed by Gretchen Zucker, Executive Director of Youth Venture, during the opening ceremony.



With twenty workshop offerings, participants took part in sessions focusing on a variety of topics. Workshops offered included Multicultural Awareness, Building Your Small Business, Facilitating Effective Meetings, and Effective Team Building. Participants also had the opportunity to collaborate with each other during open space meetings and team-building exercises throughout the Summit.

Some of the highlights included an encouraging and thought provoking speech on youth development in the 21st century, delivered by Malia Lazu, one of the brightest minds in progressive politics today.

Bill Drayton, founder of Ashoka and Youth Venture, gave an inspiring keynote speech on social entrepreneurship and building an everyone a changemaker™ world.

Youth Venture would like to thank the Venturers, Allies, and parents who attended the National Youth Venture Summit this year. Also, we would like to give a special thank you to our sponsors, Best Buy, Starbucks Foundation, and Allianz Foundation for their generous support of the Summit.



Look for information about next year's Summit coming soon!!



Sincerely,

Youth Venture

Golden Opportunities

Take advantage of these great grants, programs, and scholarships!!

The Mind Trust's Education Entrepreneur Fellowship

Fellowship

The Mind Trust is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to dramatically improve public education for underserved students by empowering education entrepreneurs to develop or expand transformative education initiatives.

Deadline: September 5, 2008

Website: <http://www.themindtrust.org/edFellowship.aspx>

Lideres de Hoy National Essay Contest

Contest

The contest is an Allstate Insurance Company and National Council of La Raza (NCLR) initiative that recognizes and celebrates the work of Hispanic youth leaders making a difference in their communities. The Líderes de Hoy essay contest provides an opportunity for young Latinos to share their experiences in dealing with discrimination.

Deadline: September 12, 2008

Website: http://lideres.nclr.org/opportunities/2008_essay_contest/



Ann M. Martin Foundation

Foundation Grant

501(c)3 status is required to receive up to \$20,000 from the Ann M. Martin Foundation which is interested in supporting organizations in the areas of children, education and literacy programs, and homeless people and animals. They are especially interested in small grassroots programs or portions of programs that are difficult to fund.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

Website: <http://www.scholastic.com/annmartin/foundation.htm>

State Farm Youth Advisory Board

Service Learning Grant Program

Grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and are evaluated by the youth advisory board for how well they utilize service-learning to address: driver safety, environmental responsibility, financial literacy, access to higher education, and disaster preparedness.

Deadline: October 3, 2008

Website: <http://www.statefarmyab.com/apply.php>

Nestle Very Best in Youth 2009 Program

Program

The Nestle Very Best in Youth 2009 Program which is sponsored by Nestle USA, honors young people who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Selected young people will be featured in a special publication, honored at a black-tie ceremony in Los Angeles, California in July 2009 and will receive a host of Nestle products.

Deadline: November 20, 2008

Website: www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com



Want more information about scholarships, programs, and grants? Many more are listed on GenV.net. Check out the following links: [Opportunities for Venturers](#) and [Grants and](#)

Scholarship Opportunities for Venturers.

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Check out Youth Venture's Special Initiatives!

Your Ultimate Changemaker



While Batman is busy protecting Gotham City from evil forces, he leaves the rest of the world vulnerable to injustices and wrong doing! Does your community need a superhero to bring an end to evil forces? Now is your chance to create your very own **Youth Venture Superhero!**

Describe what your YV superhero would look like and what superhuman powers they would have. Explain what evil forces your hero would fight and your hero's motivations for helping your community. Don't forget to give your superhero a catchy name!

Be creative! Let your imagination run wild while creating the ultimate changemaker!

Enter today for your chance at winning a \$50 VISA giftcard. For information about deadlines and how to enter, go to [Create Your Own YV Superhero](#).

Dr. Seuss Lorax Challenge Winners

Youth Venture recently launched a partnership with Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the Lorax Challenge, which allowed youth from across the nation to submit ideas on how to improve the environment. The five **Grand Prize Winners** received an all expense paid trip to the **University of Florida** for an **Environmental Boot Camp**, held August 1-4.

And the Winners Are....

1,000 Trees Project Gallows Run Tree Squad - The Team endeavors to combat global warming by planting 1,000 trees in their community.

Climate Action Club - The Team will install energy efficient software on all of their campus computers. Also, they will install vending machines in their school to help reduce energy.

Fielder's Choice: Making More than Just the Outfields Green - The Team will implement an annual "Green Day" celebration at the Washington Nationals' baseball stadium. The event will serve as a way to help reduce the stadium's carbon footprint and educate fans about eco-responsibility.

Going Green Computers and Consulting - The Team facilitates the recycling of old computers. The Venture works with companies that take in the recycled computers to be refurbished, which are then brought into schools and communities that are in need of newer technology.

Sustainable Water Recycling System - The Team aims to create a water recycling system that uses rain barrels, a natural purification system, and natural refrigeration that allows rain water to be used for sustainable gardening.

For more information on the winners [click here!](#)

