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You're Invited to Apply for a Learn and Serve America: Youth Organized for Disaster Action Grant!

The Institute for Global Education and Service Learning and the New Jersey Learn and Serve America Program are pleased to announce a second round of funding for Youth Organized for Disaster Action.

*Application is due no later than 4pm on Wednesday
January 31, 2007.*

Who

The YODA Grant is open to all **Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina** school districts (including Charter Schools).

Why

The goal of the Youth Organized for Disaster Action (Y.O.D.A.) program is to address **disaster preparedness** and **community safety** concerns by engaging students in **service-learning** activities in their schools and communities. In addition to the physical damage to homes and property, disasters also affect young people's sense of security, their relationships with their schools, communities, and in some cases even their families. Y.O.D.A. also aims to **cultivate resilience and developmental assets** in youth while **enhancing academic achievement, developing workplace-readiness skills, and demonstrating active citizenship.**

What

Eligible applicants may apply for a maximum **award of \$5,000 during year one and \$10,000 during years two and three.** The grant period extends from March 15, 2007 to August 31, 2009.

How

Visit www.igesl.org to download the RFP. **EVERY applicant MUST participate in one Technical Assistance call.** Technical assistance (TA) conference calls will be conducted on the following dates:

- January 8, 2007 from 10am to 11am (EST)
- January 9, 2007 from 12pm to 1pm (EST)
- January 10, 2007 from 3pm to 4pm (EST)
- January 11, 2007 from 4pm to 5 pm (EST)
- January 16, 2007 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm (EST)
- January 17, 2007 from 10am to 11am (EST)
- January 18, 2007 from 2pm to 3pm (EST)
- January 24, 2007 from 12pm to 1pm (EST)
- January 25, 2007 from 1pm to 2pm (EST)

You may register for the call by sending an email to yoda@igesl.org

For questions from New Jersey Schools, you may also contact rowena.madden@sos.state.nj.us

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