



Grant Announcement

MCI California Technology Literacy Project



The Generation Y[®] Foundation has received funding from the MCI Corporation to provide 10,000 seventh grade students in California's Central Valley with the opportunity to become nationally certified in technology literacy using the TechYES[®] program. Any public Title I school in selected Central Valley counties that serve 7th grade students is eligible to apply for these funds and resources.

Grant Goals

- Close the digital divide by ensuring students can use technology in powerful ways related to their school and community
- Assist schools in meeting the NCLB goal of ensuring every 8th grader is technology literate
- Link the two required projects to school curriculum and the community
- Encourage students to create projects in non-English languages
- Post the best projects to the web for use as educational resources
- Provide a vehicle for students to take responsibility for their own learning
- Provide leadership and mentoring opportunities for students



The grant will provide each school with . . .

- TechYES student guides for every 7th grader, which will lead them through the process of completing the required projects and TechYES certificates for those who complete the program
- Half-day training session for an advisor and group of student peer mentors. Advisors receive an Implementation Guide, Peer Mentor Guide, training videos & posters
- A \$500 stipend for the TechYES project advisor, to help ensure a successful program

Schools are expected to . . .

- Implement the program starting in February 2006
- Ensure all 7th grade students complete the program and receive their certificates
- Provide access to available technology for participating students
- Have students participate as peer mentors in the program
- Provide time and space for the advisor and students to complete their projects
- Ensure one adult advisor and 2 to 5 students attend a half-day training in early February 2006



How to Apply

Apply online at www.geny.org/mci. Applications must be submitted by January 18, 2006. Applicants will be notified of their status via electronic mail on January 20, 2006.



Questions and Further Information

Generation Y website (www.geny.org)

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Announcement flyer designed by high school student Doug Smith

