



Pegasus Awards Program 2010-2011



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We need to keep looking for even better ways to retrieve and use the energy resources we have – and for new ways to provide energy altogether. That's why the ExxonMobil Torrance Refinery, along with the ExxonMobil Foundation, is funding the development of the most powerful resource of all: brainpower.

ExxonMobil is pleased to sponsor the Pegasus Awards Program, a program designed to aid in the development of innovative educational projects within the Torrance Unified School District (TUSD). The goal of the Pegasus Awards Program is to provide opportunities for teachers to enhance their classroom curriculum, specifically in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Program Overview

ExxonMobil will offer a total of **\$75,000** in Pegasus Awards grants in the 2010-2011 school year. The grants will fund Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) classroom projects of up to \$4,000 for elementary, middle and high school levels.

Our New Focus: As a company which relies on technology and innovation in every part of our business, we believe that excellence in math and science education is necessary to facilitate human progress and meet key challenges in the years ahead. This is why ExxonMobil Torrance Refinery, in concurrence with the Torrance Unified School District, has modified the scope of the Pegasus Awards program to focus on STEM projects this year. We will evaluate the Pegasus Awards program every year to make certain that this program continues to meet the needs of the School District.

The Pegasus Awards Selection Committee, composed of representatives from ExxonMobil and the community, will review submitted proposals and select winning applications.

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Guidelines Applicable to All Awards

1. Individuals and/or groups may submit more than **one original** proposal (**duplicates will be nullified**) but will be limited to receiving a maximum of two awards in any given school year.
2. Proposal content must comply with TUSD goals and specific California Content Standards should be applied.
3. Award monies will be held in a designated TUSD account to be withdrawn by award winners in accordance with existing TUSD accounting policies and procedures. (Instructions on withdrawing these funds will be provided to award winners.) Funds must be used in the school year awarded. Unused funds will be rescinded and may supplement future award funding.
4. A final report to ExxonMobil Public Affairs is required at the conclusion of the project and/or activity. Upon notification of a Pegasus grant, you will be asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the necessity of this report. The final report should provide:
 - A brief summary of the project, including successes and challenges
 - An accounting of expenses
 - Samples of the project (books, posters, photos, videos, etc.) as well as any plans for continuation or expansion of the program, if applicable
5. Awards may not be used in support of faculty education, research or facility improvements.
6. Projects (similar or exact) that have been previously funded through Pegasus will not be considered for a second round of funding.
7. Field trips will not be considered for funding.
8. Substitute-teacher expenses may not be included in grant requests.
9. Award must benefit at least one classroom of students directly and may not replace funding usually provided by TUSD.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Award Guidelines

1. STEM awards will fund winning proposals that increase student interest in, and/or knowledge of, the academic areas of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Emphasis should be placed on originality and the encouragement of budding scientists, technologists, mathematicians, and/or engineers.
2. Individuals and groups may submit applications, but the maximum award may not exceed **\$4,000**.

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Procedures

1. Following **June 7th**, download appropriate application(s) from www.torrancerefinery.com. Complete application form(s).
2. Submit completed applications to **your principal** by **September 28**.
3. Also submit an electronic copy of the complete application directly to ExxonMobil at Pegasus_Awards@exxonmobil.com by **September 28**.
4. When submitting an electronic copy of your application, please follow this naming convention: first_name_last_name_schoolgrade.doc. [e.g. if your name is Jane Doe and you teach at a high school, please save your file as Jane_Doe_High.doc]
5. Principals will submit all applications to:

TUSD District Office
c/o Director of Curriculum, Ramona Chang
2336 Plaza del Amo
Torrance, CA 90501
(310) 972-6006
6. All applications must be received in the District Office (from your principal) no later than close of business on **October 1**.
7. Visit www.torrancerefinery.com during the week of **November 18th** to view list of winning applications.
8. Attend awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. in December. The exact date and location of the ceremony will be announced once the final results have been posted.
9. Implement projects in 2010-11 school year.
10. Provide project samples and feedback to:
ExxonMobil, c/o Melba Duarte, 3700 W. 190th St., Torrance, CA, 90509

Please contact Margaret Esfahani at 310.972.6983 with questions.

