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SCIENCE NOTES

Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards

The National Science Teachers Association is offering the first annual Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards program for students in grades K-12.

The purpose of the program is to encourage students to combine their imaginations with the tools of science and technology to create a vision of the future. Students will work in "R&D teams" comprised of four students and one or more advisors to investigate a technology found in the home, at school and/or in the community. After exploring what the technology does; how it works; and how, when and why it was invented; students will project what that technology might or could be like twenty years from now. Finally, each team must communicate its vision to others through a description and a storyboard.

Projects will be judged in four categories: Primary Level (K-3), Upper Elementary Level (4-6), Middle Level (7-9) and High School Level (10-12). Winners in each of the twelve NSTA regional competitions will receive funding to produce a five-minute videotape based on their storyboards.

The videotapes will be used to select three teams in each category as finalists. Students on these teams, along with their parents and academic advisers, will be invited to attend an expense-paid gala weekend in Washington, D.C., in June.

To obtain an application packet, contact Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards, 1742 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. The deadline for entries is February 1, 1993.

— A.L.W.

Toyota/NSTA TAPESTRY Grants

Grants allowing teachers to implement innovative science projects are being offered by TAPESTRY (Toyota's Appreciation Program for Excellence to Science Teachers Reaching Youth).

The program, cosponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., and the National Science Teachers Association, allows teachers of grades 6-12 to submit proposals in the areas of Environmental Education or Physical Science Applications. Physical Science Applications includes any project using the principles of physics, chemistry or technology.

Proposals must include a one-year calendar and a detailed budget of up to \$10,000.

Proposal kits and applications are available by writing to TAPESTRY, 1742 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15, 1993.

— A.L.W.