

*Classroom grant opportunities too good to pass up!
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Upcoming Deadline Reminders:

**Wal Mart Community Grant Program—
Deadline 12/31/14**

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_reg.register?
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**The Humane Society—National Kind Teacher of
the Year award—Deadline February 15**

[http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/
award/national kind teacher award.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/award/national_kind_teacher_award.html)

Classwish.org —No deadline.

<http://www.classwish.org/>

Ezra Jack Keats mini-grant—

Deadline March 15, 11:59pm

To be considered, a proposed program:

supports and extends the basic curriculum by providing an experience, activity or project not otherwise offered

uses only materials that will enable or support the activities of participants, such as craft and building supplies

is supported solely by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

costs a total of \$500 or less

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/how-to-apply-for-a-minigrant/>

Newsletter Spotlight

A few general tips for preparing the grant proposal:

1. Use short sentences and paragraphs.
2. Edit, edit, edit. Get rid of excess words.
3. Write so that anyone can understand what you mean.
4. Have someone who is not familiar with you school or project read the grant proposal. Can they understand what you are saying?
5. Use simple language. A grant proposal is not the place to dazzle others with your vast vocabulary
6. Avoid acronyms or jargon. In fact, don't use them if at all possible.
7. Make your point at the beginning of each section and at the beginning of each paragraph. This prepares the proposal for grant reviewers who 'skim'. Remember, reviewers often have many proposals to read. They appreciate it when you get to the point.
8. Include the "human face" - quotes, brief anecdotes and examples can make your proposal more readable and understandable. Remember that reviewers are humans, and the more interesting we make our proposals, the more likely the readers are to read them thoroughly.

