

2008 Innovations Awards Program
APPLICATION

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ID # (assigned by CSG): 08-E-04CT

Please provide the following information, adding space as necessary:

State: Connecticut

Assign Program Category (applicant): Education (Use list at end of application)

1. Program Name Young Women in Technology – Girls and Technology EXPO
2. Administering Agency CT General Assembly in Conjunction with the CT Women's Education and Legal Fund
3. Contact Person (Name and Title) Senator Joe Crisco
4. Address State Capitol, Legislative Office Building Room 2800, Hartford, CT 06106
5. Telephone Number (860) 240-0189
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7. E-mail Address Crisco@senatedems.ct.gov
8. Web site Address
9. Please provide a two-sentence description of the program. Provides hands-on workshops in a variety of fields in which knowledge of technology is critical.
10. How long has this program been operational (month and year)? Note: the program must be between 9 months and 5 years old on March 1, 2008 to be considered. This program is offered on one day during the year. Although the first EXPO was offered in September of 2001, there were one or two years when it was not offered.
11. Why was the program created? What problem[s] or issue[s] was it designed to address? To provide 7th grade young women with an introduction to technology related fields so as to encourage them to pursue coursework in math and science in order to be prepared for 21st century careers.
12. Describe the specific activities and operations of the program in chronological order. 1) In conjunction with the CT Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) and Quinnipiac University, plan day long series of hands-on workshops at Quinnipiac University that could include: broadcasting, web design, finance, taking apart a computer, math and mobius strips, etc. 2) Recruit professors and other professionals to present workshops; 3) Recruit approximately 150 7th grade young women from public schools in the area. 4) Invite high profile female professional to serve as featured speaker; 5) Provide for evaluation of program.
13. Why is the program a new and creative approach or method? The program is hands-on, and introduces 7th graders to a broad range of fields.
14. What were the program's start-up costs? (Provide details about specific purchases for this program, staffing needs and other financial expenditures, as well as existing materials, technology and staff already in place.) Specific purchases include continental breakfast, lunch, T-shirts, give-aways; Staff from Senator Crisco's office, CWEALF and Quinnipiac as well as workshop presenters are already in place. Individual schools from which 7th grade young women are recruited pay for school bus transportation.

15. What are the program's annual operational costs? About \$5,000.

16. How is the program funded? Grants, University Discretionary Funds, Public School Transportation Funds.

17. Did this program require the passage of legislation, executive order or regulations? If YES, please indicate the citation number. No.

18. What equipment, technology and software are used to operate and administer this program? For this particular program would require broadcast studio, 30 cpu units, finance laboratory, mobile crime lab, 25 computers for instruction in web design, program design.

19. To the best of your knowledge, did this program originate in your state? If YES, please indicate the innovator's name, present address, telephone number and e-mail address. Senator Joe Crisco; above address.

20. Are you aware of similar programs in other states? If YES, which ones and how does this program differ? Not aware of similar programs in other states.

21. Has the program been fully implemented? If NO, what actions remain to be taken? Program has been fully implemented.

22. Briefly evaluate (pro and con) the program's effectiveness in addressing the defined problem[s] or issue[s]. Provide tangible examples. Program is effective in encouraging 7th grade young women to pursue requisite coursework, as reported by guidance counselors from schools.

23. How has the program grown and/or changed since its inception? Program has remained stable since inception with some variations in workshops offered.

24. What limitations or obstacles might other states expect to encounter if they attempt to adopt this program? Would require the cooperation of a college or university, other entity where such workshops could be offered.