

Cash available for humanities media projects

The number of projects that get scrapped as soon as they are brainstormed could fill a waste basket the size of the federal budget deficit. The reason is almost always the same — no money.

But the National Endowment for the Humanities has been helping some of those projects reach completion with cash grants to qualified individuals or groups.

Although their grants program was threatened by severe cutbacks in federal aid, NEH says their "Youthgrant Program" is "alive and well" and will offer a limited number of awards to people in their teens and twenties.

According to an announcement by NEH, 75 grants of as much as \$2,500 for individuals and \$10,000 for groups will be awarded for non-credit, out-of-the-classroom research projects that deal with the humanities.

The deadline to apply for the grants is Nov. 16.

Youthgrants "are intended primarily for those between 18 and 25 who have not yet completed academic or professional training but can demonstrate the ability to design and perform outstanding humanities research and translate that into an end product to share with others," according to the announcement.

Past projects that received NEH grants include a collection and study of migrant worker border ballads in South Texas and a film on a small town in Oregon that resorted to backyard goldmining to survive the Great Depression.

But any project related to the humanities will be considered, including such subjects as history, comparative religion, ethnic studies, folklore, anthropology, linguistics, art history and philosophy.

NEH stresses that the program does not offer scholarships, tuition aid or support for degree-related work, internships or foreign-travel projects.

Those interested in the program should write to Youthgrant Guidelines, Mail Stop 103-C, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C., 20506.

'Micro-Marathon' races set to benefit Springfield hospital

Running has hit everywhere — no new information to most people — but for those who can't rationalize busting their body to cover 26 miles, 385 yards, the McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital presents the Third Annual Micro-Marathon and Open Five-Miler.

Sponsored by the Development Council to benefit the McKenzie-Willamette Hospital, the race will cover distances of 1.3, 2.6 and five miles. About 300 runners are expected to enter the races that are being billed as "fun-runs."

The "micro" races start at 9:30 a.m. while the five-miler begins at 10:30 a.m. The event is scheduled for October 3rd at Willamalane Park in Springfield.

Dressing rooms, restrooms and showers are available at the park in the public pool building. Runners also are welcome to swim after the race.

The early entry fee is \$5.00 and entries must be postmarked no later than September 25, 1981. A \$6.00 fee is required after that date. Runners may register at the race site from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. the day of the race.

Proceeds from the race will go toward the purchase of physical therapy equipment.

If you are interested in helping or if you'd like more information contact the McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital Public Relations department at 726-4459.

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