Eligibility:

- Candidate must be an early childhood (PK-3) educator currently teaching. A minimum of two years teaching experience is required. Technology coordinators and curriculum coordinators are encouraged to apply, but should demonstrate direct contact with PK-3 students when completing the application requirements.
- Applicant must attend a one-day Bee-Bot workshop, Saturday, August 4, 2007 (optional WSU graduate credit is available).

Amount of Award:

Successful applicants will receive the following (valued at over $500):

- 5 Bee-Bots
- Bee-Bot Command Card Set
- 15 Bee-Bot Snap-on Shells
- Bee-Bot Track Construction Set
- Bee-Bot Transparent Grid Mat
- Professional Development Training
- 2 copies of a book published through lulu.com

Commitments:

1. Attend a Bee-Bot Workshop on Saturday, August 4, 2007
2. Participate in online discussions and projects through Blackboard, August – December 2007
3. Create, implement, and revise lesson plans/activities (tied to standards) using Bee-Bot in your classroom. Lesson plans will revolve around the theme of “community” and must be finalized by December 14, 2007
4. Share photographs (and, where possible, video) of students using Bee-Bot in your classroom (You are responsible for obtaining permissions and sharing only images you are legally allowed to share.)
5. Agree to publish selected Bee-Bot lesson plans/activities in a jointly authored book to be published through lulu.com (All appropriate credit will be given to contributing authors.)

Application Requirements:

A complete application will include the following:

1. A completed grant application. (Grant application available online at http://education.wichita.edu/mindstorms/beebot2007)
2. A letter (600 words or less) discussing why you want to participate in the Bee-Bot Grant.
3. A letter of reference from your school principal or district-level administrator. The letter should address your commitment to the Bee-Bot Grant in your classroom and your administrator’s commitment and support for your work and sharing of the project and your experiences in your building or district.

Mail to:

Bee-Bot Grant
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount, Box 131
Wichita, KS 67260-0131

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Fax to (316) 978-3302
Attn: Bee-Bot Grant

Important Dates:
Completed applications must be received on or before May 15, 2007. Award recipients will be notified by May 31, 2007.

If you have any questions or comments, please email Karen Reynolds at: karen.reynolds@wichita.edu or Tonya Witherspoon at: tonya.witherspoon@wichita.edu