



## **S<sup>3</sup>TAIR Mini-Grants for Preservice Teachers: Observing and Reflecting on Inclusive Practice ... and Passing it On**

The S<sup>3</sup>TAIR Project (Supporting Successful Strategies To Achieve Improved Results), funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, has identified schools in New York State where students with disabilities have achieved outstanding results on academic and behavioral measures. A number of these schools embrace inclusion.

The purpose of this mini-grant competition is to support preservice teachers in learning from these inclusive, achieving schools and to encourage them to share how their thinking and practice have changed as a result.

A limited number of \$300 grants will be awarded to **teams of two preservice teachers** as recognition and reimbursement for the following:

- Travel to a S<sup>3</sup>TAIR-recognized school near your college or university for a full day of observation of inclusive practice, with pre-visit coaching by a Taskforce member from your college
- Sharing what you learned about effective inclusive practices with an audience of peers at your college or university
- Appearing on a panel with other preservice teachers (to describe highlights of the observation) at the April 8, 2011, Inclusion Symposium in Auburn, NY

The honor of winning the grant and presenting at a conference would be a notable addition to a résumé—a bonus to what promises to be a great learning opportunity.

### **\*\*\*Essential Information\*\*\***

- Application Deadline: **February 11, 2011**
- Notification: On or before February 18, 2011
- Deadline for visit to school: Before April 8, 2011 Inclusion Symposium
- S<sup>3</sup>TAIR-recognized schools and districts in our region of the state:
  - Oswego County: Lanigan Elementary, Sandy Creek Central School District K-12
  - Broome County: Chenango Forks K-5
  - Cayuga County: Port Byron K-8
  - Onondaga County: Roberts K-8, Salem-Hyde Elementary
- For more information and to apply online, go to **<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/inclusiongrant>** Among other things, you will be asked for days of availability, the school you wish to visit (see above), and how (in what forum) you might share your observations with your peers.