

FOCUS ON FUNDING



Finding Funds for Author Visits

In the education world, budget constraints are a reality. Obtaining resources for “extras” like visiting author presentations can be difficult. But programs that help students reach state educational standards are hardly “extras”—and help is available to fund them. Many organizations offer grants or sponsorships for school programs and classroom experiences related to education, literacy and the arts. To learn more about funding opportunities and how to prepare a grant proposal, check out the websites listed here. School staff and parent support groups working together can make good things happen for students!

GENERAL SCHOOL GRANTS

[ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM](#)

www.adoptaclassroom.com

Adopt-A-Classroom invites the community to support teachers and students by choosing to adopt a classroom. By doing so, donors form partnerships with specific classrooms and provide funding and support.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: You must teach at a U.S. **public** school. Your school must have been established before Aug. 15, 2001.

[DONORS CHOOSE](#)

www.donorschoose.org

DonorsChoose aims to provide teachers and students in need with resources that public schools often lack. Here, teachers submit ideas for materials or experiences that their students need to learn. Individuals choose a project and make it a classroom reality through their generous funding.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

[ING UNSUNG HEROES](#)

<http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/communityconnections/ineducation/unsungheroes/index.htm>

The ING Unsung Heroes award program supports educators through providing funding for innovative classroom projects.

Deadline: April 30

Details: All K-12 education professionals are eligible. You must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school in the capacity of full-time educator, teacher, principal, paraprofessional, or classified staff.

LITERACY GRANTS

[BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS, SPONSORSHIPS AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS](#)

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html

Barnes & Noble considers requests for national and local funding from non-profit organizations that focus on literacy, the arts, or education.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

[NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES](#)

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/index.html>

Through generous funding, the National Endowment for the Humanities, a grant-making agency of the United States government, supports research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

Deadline: Deadlines vary depending on the grant.

Details: On the Web site, there is a list of various grants you will need to evaluate to decide which one best suits your needs.

[TARGET](#)

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Target provides local grant money to hometown organizations, and focuses on programs that promote a love of reading or encourage children to read together with their families.

Deadline: Grant applications will be accepted between March 1 and May 31.

Details: At website.

[THE WALLACE FOUNDATION](#)

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/GrantsPrograms/GrantApproach/FundingGuidelines.htm>

The Wallace Foundation provides funding, through grants, to programs that support the arts, communities, and education.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

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GRANTS TO BUY BOOKS

LIBRI FOUNDATION

<http://www.librifoundation.org/#UIDE>

The Libri Foundation helps rural libraries acquire new, hardcover children's books.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by January 15, April 15, or August 15.

Details: At website.

FIRST BOOK

<http://register.firstbook.org/>

First Book provides new books to children through eligible community organizations that serve children from low-income households. First Book does not provide direct financial support, nor does it provide books to individuals or to book drives.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

THE GLOBAL FUND FOR CHILDREN, BOOKS FOR KIDS

<http://www.globalfundforchildren.org/applyforagrant/index.html>

The Global Fund for Children donates materials to children through community organizations that are able to demonstrate a need. These donations help local groups expand their educational resources and facilitate dialogue about diversity and multiculturalism. They have donated nearly 50,000 books to underserved children in the United States and around the world.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

The following foundations and organizations are currently funding literacy programs. Google for specific information.

The 25th Century Foundation
The Abell Foundation
ACE-INA
Annenberg Foundation
The Barra Foundation, Inc.
Campbell Soup Foundation
The Annie E. Casey Foundation
CIGNA Foundation
The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
Citizen's Bank
Claniel Foundation
Comcast Corporation
Comcast Foundation
Connelly Foundation
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
The Dolfinger McMahon Foundation
Samuel S. Fels Fund
GlaxoSmithKline
The Hamilton Family Foundation
JPMorganChase
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

MORE GRANTS

THE WHO FOUNDATION: WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

http://www.whofoundation.org/WHO_FundingEd.htm

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others® nationally supports grass-roots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Grants are provided to organizations dedicated to education/literacy of children.

Deadline: Ongoing/Unspecified

Details: At website.

LINKS TO MORE GRANTS

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/section/grants/index.html>

http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant_opps.htm

<http://www.channing-bete.com/funding/index.php>

<http://www.ncte.org/about/grants/elemgrants>

<http://www.literacycooperative.org/documents/>

[FundingInfoforwebsite-publicfunding.doc](#)

<http://www.frog.com/grants.html>

GRANT-WRITING RESOURCES

TEACHERSNETWORK.ORG

http://www.teachersnetwork.org/grants/grants_how_to.htm

EDUCATION WORLD

http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml

SCHOOLGRANTS.ORG

http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant_tips.htm

GREAT SOURCE GRANTS & FUNDING

<http://www.greatsource.com/grants/index.html>

SCHOLASTIC'S GRANT & FUNDING CONNECTION

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/grants/resources.htm>

Lincoln Financial Group Foundation
The McLean Contributionship
Merck Company Foundation
The Pew Charitable Trusts
The Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust
Pine Tree Foundation
The Prudential Foundation
Sovereign Bank
The TJX Foundation, Inc.
Teleflex Foundation
U.S. Trust
Verizon
Victoria Foundation
WBEB101.1 FM
Wallace Foundation
The Wachovia Foundation
Wachovia Bank
Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
The William Penn Foundation



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