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## Grantseeking Assistance

### 1. American Honda Foundation:

#### MATH & SCIENCE

The American Honda Foundation, a non-profit philanthropic organization, was established in 1984 in conjunction with American Honda's 25th anniversary in the United States. It was established to say "thank you" to the American people for their support through the years.

The Foundation makes grants to worthy non-profit causes, programs and organizations that directly benefit the people of the United States in the areas of youth education and scientific education. Since its inception, the American Honda Foundation has provided more than \$20 million in grants.

#### **Guidelines / Areas of Giving**

The American Honda Foundation reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of the Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic, and innovative. The Foundation engages in grantmaking that is consistent with these characteristics.

Grants are provided in the fields of youth education and science education to the following: educational institutions, K-12; accredited higher education institutions (colleges and universities); community colleges and vocational or trade schools; scholarship and fellowship programs at selected colleges and/or universities or through selected non-profit organizations; other scientific and education-related, non-profit, tax-exempt organizations; gifted student programs; media concerning youth education and/or scientific education; private, non-profit scientific and/or youth education projects; other non-profit, tax-exempt, institutions in the fields of youth education and scientific education; and programs pertaining to academic or curriculum development that emphasize innovative educational methods and techniques.

While the American Honda Foundation recognizes that there is a broad range of organizations worthy of support, budget limitations necessitate a focus on those with the broadest interest and support and, therefore, the highest potential for success.

Next deadline: Feb 1, 2009

Average grant: \$40,000-80,000

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

## **2. Finish Line Youth Foundation**

### **SPORTS**

Mission Statement: The Finish Line Youth Foundation strives to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities where employees and customers live, work and play. We accomplish this by being good stewards of the funds we receive and by supporting youth programs that are effective and inclusive. The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle.

In 2006, the Finish Line Youth Foundation completed a year of mission and process review resulting in the new Mission Statement above and a new focus for giving back to the communities in which we operate our stores. In general, the Youth Foundation supports qualified, non-profit organizations that provide community based access to athletics for kids under the age of 18, as well as camps that give kids the chance to be active, especially camps that provide services to kids who are disadvantaged or disabled. The Finish Line Youth Foundation is currently accepting grant proposals from qualifying programs/organizations on a quarterly basis. Please see [Review Procedures](http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp) page for more information. <http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/guidelines.jsp>

Average grant: \$1000-5,000

Next deadline: December 31, 2008

## **3. NEA/IMLS and Arts Midwest**

### **READING**

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. Together with Arts Midwest, Big Read grants are being offered to help revitalize reading and bring literature back into the lives of Americans. It is available for private and public schools, libraries and consortia.

Applicants may apply for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Generally, grant size will be determined based on:

- Community population—for example, the suggested grant range for a small community with fewer than 50,000 people is \$2,500–\$7,500; the suggested grant range for a major metropolitan community with more than 500,000 people is \$7,500–\$20,000.

- Number of activities planned—applicants hosting more than the minimum required activities (see Event plans) may be considered for grants at the upper end of the grant range.
- Overall strength of the application—as based on the selection criteria.

Grants must be matched at least 1 to 1 with nonfederal funds. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental. Please see the [program budget instructions](#) for more information. Schools or districts may not be the lead applicant but may partner with libraries or museums as the lead in their application.

Contact: Arts Midwest, 2908 Hennepin Ave, Suite 200, Mpls 55408 (612.238.8010 [TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org](mailto:TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org)  
<http://www.neabigread.org/guidelines.php>

#### **4. Funder Deadlines:**

**Following are a list of funders with approaching deadlines. Many request and all will accept a letter of inquiry about your proposal. They will respond with a request for a full proposal, additional questions or let you know that your proposal doesn't fit their guidelines. For detailed contact information related to any of the below, contact [gro-guy@comcast.net](mailto:gro-guy@comcast.net)**

**Dec**

Andersen Corporate Foundation	4/15,7/15,10/15,12/15	EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Education focus on science, technology, engineering, and math, Intellectual and social opportunities with a focus primarily on young people, senior citizens and people with	1-100,000	em
Archie D. and Bertha H. Walker Foundation	July 1, December 1	Funding priorities: The foundation places primary emphasis on grants to programs dealing with the effect of chemical dependency, chiefly alcoholism, on children and their development. The trustees also consider grant proposals in areas of longstanding foundation interest. These interests include programs in the arts, and programs addressing the treatment of racism, prejudice and exclusivity. Foundation grants are made only to organizations that operate without prejudice.	25-20,000	tc
Arlan Schonberg Irrevocable Trust	January 15 annual	Program's purpose: Grants are made for charitable and educational purposes. Preferred form of initial contact: complete proposal, standard grant proposal. Public information available by request: proposal guidelines, application form.		tc
Frey Foundation	3/15,6/15,12/15	EDUCATION: Educational reform, Educational services, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary. Intended beneficiaries: Disabled - general or unspecified disability YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs, Scouting organizations, Youth development programs.  Proposal deadlines: Letters of Inquiry are due March 15, June 15, and December 15. The board meets 3 times per year; deadlines coincide with these meetings. Applicants will be invited to submit for appropriate meeting date.	1-200,000	tc
Marbrook Foundation	2/yr, Jun 1, Dec 1	EDUCATION: Higher education, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Vocational/technical. Funding priorities: Programmatic funding priorities are (in order of priority): environment, education, mind and spirit, arts, social empowerment, health.  Preferred form of initial contact: letter of inquiry, telephone inquiry, complete proposal, review website before inquiry.	\$5,000	tc
The Jostens Foundation	3/7,6/4, 9/4, 12/3/07	Funding priorities: Guiding the foundation's giving and support is its focus on youth and education and programs that help young people become healthy, productive adults. Requests for funding are given priority if there is direct participation of Jostens	1000-45,000	tc

			<p>In November 1998, the foundation approved a new strategic plan for grantmaking that directs the foundation to pay special attention to helping achieve the following goals over the next decade: an anti-racist community; economic development for all segments of the East Metro area; strong families that provide healthy beginnings for children and youth; quality education for all. The foundation will consider grant applications for start-up costs for promising new programs that demonstrate sound management and clear goals relevant to community needs; support for established agencies that have temporary or transitional needs; multi-year funding; funds to match contributions received from other sources or to provide a challenge to help raise new contributions; capital projects, program expansion or special projects of a time-limited nature.</p> <p>Geographic focus: East Metropolitan Area/St. Paul only,  EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Educational services, Libraries/library science, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Vocational/technical.  YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs  PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/PROJECT SUPPORT: Faculty/staff development, Mentoring programs</p>		
	The Saint Paul Foundation	3.5 mos ahead, Apr, Aug, Nov		3.5 mos ahead, Apr, Aug, Nov	em
	Think Community Foundation	3/1, 6/1, 9/1, 12/1	<p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Pre-school/elementary.  YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs,  Preferred form of initial contact: letter of inquiry, email.</p>	pd 400,000 in 06	tc
	Turner Family Foundation	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	<p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs,  EDUCATION: Higher education.  Preferred form of initial contact: letter of inquiry.  Public information available by request: proposal guidelines.</p>	pd 120,000 in 05	tc

**Jan**

			<p>EDUCATION: Economic, math and science.  SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY.  YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.  Exclusions: Individuals, Non-501(c)(3), Intended beneficiaries: Poor/economically disadvantaged, Youth/adolescents (ages 14-19).</p>		
	Piper Jaffray	annual, prop 1/1-3/15	Preferred form of initial contact: <a href="http://www.piperjaffray.com">www.piperjaffray.com</a> . Please comply with predetermined and published guidelines.	250-150,000 06 pd 2Million	tc

Gannett Foundation	Feb 15, Aug 15	<p>Program's purpose: The Gannett Foundation's mission is to invest in the future of the communities in which Gannett does business</p> <p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Educational services, Libraries/library science, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Student services/organizations of students, Vocational/technical.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs, Multipurpose youth centers/clubs, Scouting organizations, Youth development programs.</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: complete proposal, All information about our grant program, including the application, is available on our website at <a href="http://www.kare11.com/life/community/gannett_foundation">http://www.kare11.com/life/community/gannett_foundation</a>. We would prefer people to check out this site prior to calling the station.</p>	1500-10,000	tc
RBC Foundation USA	Jan, Jun twice/yr	<p>Funding priorities: Youth Education - with emphasis on helping young people understand our country's economic system and effective education programs (K-12) that help students of color or those who are economically disadvantaged.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs, Youth education.</p> <p>Matching gifts: \$387,000</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: Please visit our website for our online letter of inquiry.</p> <p>Education is critical because it prepares young people for the future.</p>	50-100,000	tc
Slawik Family Foundation	Jan-May	<p>Program's purpose: To support family, youth and young adult organizations in the local community that address the effects of poverty and enhance the quality of life through education.</p> <p>Areas of interest:</p> <p>EDUCATION: Higher education, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Student services/organizations of students.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.</p> <p>LOI - Special application procedures: requests may be in letter form.</p>	350-50,000	tc
The Curtis L. Carlson Family Foundation	1/15,4/15,8/15	<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Adult/child matching programs, Multipurpose youth centers/clubs, Youth development programs.</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: complete proposal.</p> <p>Public information available by request: proposal guidelines, application form.</p> <p>Special application procedures: The Carlson Family Foundation accepts only online applications via our website. Please see website for guidelines, application form and list of required attachments.</p>	100-215,000	tc

	The Toro Company Giving Program	1/15, 4/15, 7/15, 10/15	<p>EDUCATION: Graduate education/professional schools, Higher education, Secondary, Vocational/technical, Specific interest in environmental education, water conservation, science, and turf management.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Youth development of life skills through golf and sports played on fields.</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: telephone inquiry, visit website. Public information available by request: application form, annual report, website.</p>	25-140,000	tc
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**Feb**

	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	2/1 Apr, 5/1 Jul, 9/1 Nov	<p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Educational services, Higher education, Libraries/library science, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Vocational/technical.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Youth development programs.</p> <p>Special application procedures: We strongly encourage all grant seekers to visit ameriprise.com regularly for any changes to our guidelines, eligibility requirements or application processes. Use the online application tool located at Ameriprise.com. No paper applications will be considered. Requests for individual meetings are discouraged.</p>	250-250,000	tc
	Best Buy Children's Foundation	2/1, 5/1, 8/1, 11/1	<p>Funding priorities: The foundation focuses on programs that develop and deliver innovative, interactive, technology-based programs for K-12 students in traditional and nontraditional learning environments. Best Buy Children's Foundation supports programs that reach national audiences and Twin Cities audiences.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Elementary, Secondary, Programs that combine kids, technology and learning.</p> <p>Program limitations/restrictions: No units of government or quasi-governmental agencies Schools?</p> <p>Special application procedures: See website for general Best Buy Children's Foundation grant application and procedures.</p>	250-2.8Million	tc
	H.B. Fuller Company Foundation	Feb 4, Jun 6, Oct 6	<p>Intended beneficiaries: Infants/babies (under age 5), for Early Childhood Literacy and parents for Family Literacy, Children from K-12 for Science Literacy and STEM education.</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: letter of inquiry, telephone inquiry, request for guidelines, email.</p> <p>Public information available by request: proposal guidelines, application form, annual report, website.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Educational services, Graduate education/professional schools, Higher education, Libraries/library science, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Vocational/technical, Early Childhood and Family Literacy, Science Literacy, STEM education.</p>	05 pd 600,000	tc

ING Foundation	Feb 1, May 2, Sep 5	<p>Program's purpose: ING grants are intended to assist nonprofit organizations in motivating individuals to assume personal responsibility for their financial well-being.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Educational reform, Educational services, Graduate education/professional schools, Higher education, Pre-school/elementary, Secondary, Vocational/technical.</p> <p>Preferred form of initial contact: online application.</p> <p>Public information available by request: proposal guidelines, application form, website.</p>		tc
Securian Foundation/Securian Financial Group	2/15, 5/15, 8/15, 11/15	<p>Funding priorities: Economic independence - employment training and placement; higher education; the arts; human services and special community needs.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Graduate education/professional schools, Higher education, Literacy programs.</p> <p>Preferred for</p>	pd \$1.6 Million 06	tc
SUPERVALU Foundation	2/15, 5/15, 8/15, 11/15	<p>Funding priorities: Education, workforce development, hunger relief, fine arts education, social services through the United Way.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Adult/continuing education/literacy, Graduate education/professional schools, Vocational/technical, Focused on K-</p>	100-150,000	tc
The Graco Foundation	Feb,May,Aug,Nov	<p>Funding priorities: The foundation addresses the needs of the community in the following areas: 1) Productivity and Self-Sufficiency - Priority given to organizations that have a proven track record in enabling people to be self-sufficient and more produc</p>	2000-100,000	tc
Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota	Feb 1, Apr 1, Sep 1, Dec 1	<p>Intended beneficiaries: Deaf/hearing impaired, Blind/vision impaired, Hispanics/Latinos</p> <p>Program's purpose: Foundation's principal charitable activity relates to education - scholarships and grants to educational institutions benefiting many scholars.</p> <p>Funding priorities: Education has a high priority.</p> <p>PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/PROJECT SUPPORT: Curriculum development, Faculty/staff development, Publications, Wells Fargo prefers to fund one-time non-recurring expenses versus general operating or program support.</p> <p>EDUCATION: Higher education, Secondary.</p> <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: School-to-career and work readiness programs.</p>		tc

In addition, the following have monthly or ongoing deadlines:

- 3M/3M Foundation
- AHS Foundation
- Cade Foundation
- Casey Albert T. O'Neil Foundation
- Comcast Cable Company
- Driscoll Foundation
- Edwin W. and Catherine M. Davis Foundation

Frederick O. Watson Foundation  
General Mills Community Action  
Helen Sperry Lea Foundation  
Honeywell Hometown Solutions  
Imation  
James G. Lindell Irrevocable Charitable Trust  
Jundt Family Foundation  
Kopp Family Foundation  
Lewis H. Johnson Family Foundation  
Liebhaber Family Foundation  
Mall of America Foundation for Youth  
Margaret Rivers Fund  
Marjorie Weil and Marvin Edward Mitchell Foundation  
Martin and Esther Miller Foundation  
Mitchell and Lois Johnson Charitable Foundation  
NFC Foundation  
North Suburban Youth Foundation  
OSilas Foundation  
Pagel Foundation  
Pajor Family Foundation  
Park Nicollet Foundation  
People in Business Care, Inc.  
Prospect Creek Foundation  
Qwest  
R. C. Skoe Foundation  
Regis Foundation  
Russell T. Lund Charitable Trust  
Samsara Foundation  
Schmoker Family Foundation  
Sexton Foundation  
St. Croix Valley Community Foundation  
Swan Family Foundation  
The Bentson Foundation  
The Hermundslie Foundation  
The Luther Family Foundation  
The Lynn Johnson Family Foundation  
The M.B. Foundation  
The Minneapolis Foundation  
The Shared Fund  
Warren Foundation

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