

# 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](http://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](http://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](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 have funded literacy programs in the past. 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](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.schoolgrants.org/grant_opps.htm)

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

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

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

[FundingInfoforwebsite-publicfunding.doc](#)

## GRANT-WRITING RESOURCES

Knowing where to find funding is one thing. Writing the grant proposal is another! Here's some help:

### TEACHERSNETWORK.ORG

[http://www.teachersnetwork.org/grants/grants\\_how\\_to.htm](http://www.teachersnetwork.org/grants/grants_how_to.htm)

### EDUCATION WORLD

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml)

### GREAT SOURCE GRANTS & FUNDING

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

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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