

Search for Funding Opportunities

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The Michigan Department of Education understands that educators, youth directors, and parent-teacher organizations must sometimes subsidize activities and projects with support from external resources. Our goal is to provide links to the best information to help you in your search for funding and support.

The following sites contain information about funding sources for educational and youth-related activities, are searchable, free or low charge, and open to the public. MDE does not maintain these sites and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the information.

Education Grants and Fundraising Directories

[GrantsAlert.com](#)

Current listing of educational grants with the goal of helping teachers, principals, counselors, coaches, parents and school district staff find and secure the local, state, federal, corporate and private resources that are available to help them to educate children. Also lists fundraising ideas and connections to grant writers and writing resources.

[GetEdFunding](#)

This is a free grant finding resource for educators and educational institutions. The website hosts a collection of thousands of grants and opportunities culled from federal, state, regional and community sources and is available to public and private, preK–12 schools, districts and educators, higher education institutions, and nonprofit organizations that work with them.

[Grants for Nonprofits: Education](#)

Michigan State University provides a compilation of web pages, electronic resources, and books from their libraries for schools and nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to education.

[The Meemic Foundation](#)

Learn about grant opportunities for educators available through the Meemic Foundation and other organizations..

[Grant Opportunities List at NEA Foundation](#)

Multiple sources of funding opportunities, listed in alphabetical order.

[eSchool News online](#)

This online version of a monthly newspaper contains a grants section with regularly updated grant, scholarship, professional development, and other funding opportunities for both educators and students.

[Fundsnet Education and Literacy Grants](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

[Education RFPs Posted by the Foundation Center Philanthropy News Digest](#)

Each Request for Proposal listing provides a brief overview of a current funding opportunity offered by a foundation or other grantmaking organization.

[Education World Grants Center](#)

Provides a compilation of grant writing articles and tips.

[Guidestar](#)

This web service gathers and disseminates information about every single IRS-registered nonprofit organization, including each nonprofit's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, and governance. Registration is free.

[Accessing Forms 990](#)

IRS Form 990 provides the public with financial information about a nonprofit organization, as well as disclosures on corporate governance and boards of directors. The Form 990 may sometimes list grants and gifts from the organization. All nonprofit organizations with annual incomes of more than \$25,000 must file a Form 990. This includes grant-making nonprofit organizations. Most faith-based organizations of any size are not required to file a Form 990. Free to those registered to Guidestar.

Online Fundraising

[Donorschoose.org](#)

This is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests, and donors give any amount to the project that most inspires them. Supporters have brought teachers' ideas to life in more than half of all U.S. public schools. About 15% of each project is used for the website's administrative costs.

[Classwish](#)

Classwish allows teachers and others in education to create Wish Lists of needed educational supplies and allows individuals to give to specific schools or teachers.

Corporate Fundraising Offers

[Kroger Community Rewards Program](#)

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations receive dollars through Kroger Community Rewards.

[Meijer Community Rewards Program](#)

Meijer Community Rewards was developed to support k-12 schools and religious groups in ways that don't stretch their budget or their time.

[General Mills: Box Tops for Education](#)

Box Tops for Education has donated over \$90 million to our nation's schools since 1996, helping them earn the cash they need through easy, everyday activities.

Community Foundations

[Michigan Community Foundations](#)

Community foundations are charitable organizations that may administer a number of funds primarily for local purposes, to solve community or regional problems and improve the lives of people in their geographic area. Community foundations often serve the youth-directed activities with small grants provided by a Youth Action Committee (YAC). Select your location to find the community foundation that serves your area.

Private Foundations Search Sites

[Top 50 FC 1000 Foundations Awarding Grants to Recipients in Michigan, for Education, 2012](#)

Cut and paste the following url into your browser, and then page down to see a list of the top funders.

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/fc1000/subject:education/state:MI/top:foundations/list/2012>

Source: Foundation Stats, 2014, courtesy of the Foundation Center.

[FundsNet Foundation Directory](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

[Foundation Center – Search Grantmakers](#)

This foundation database includes a free field that allows you to name a grantmaker to learn a foundation’s full name, location, total assets, and total giving.

Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) - Free Publications:

CMF’s [Information for Seeking Foundation and Corporate Grants](#): This is a “how-to” booklet containing tools and selected sample grants by eight broad grantmaking categories to highlight the diversity and breadth of giving by Michigan funders. Includes information and data on Michigan foundations and corporate giving programs along with helpful tips on researching, applying and getting grants. Includes the Common Grant Application Form & Common Report Form.

CMF’s [Common Grant Application Form](#): Common grant application form developed to facilitate the application process for grantmakers and grantseekers. Includes sample cover sheet, suggested application and grant budget formats.

CMF’s [Common Report Form](#): Common grant report form developed to facilitate the reporting process for grantmakers and grantseekers.

State of Michigan Grants

Search for grant opportunities through the [Michigan Electronic Grants Administration and Management System](#) Portal (EGrAMS).

[Michigan Department of Education](#): Grants administered by MDE that are eligible to schools districts in Michigan.

Federal Grants

[ED.gov Forecast of Funding Opportunities](#)

This site lists programs and competitions under which the U.S. Department of Education has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards, and provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications, as well as links to grant notices and program contact people.

[Grants.gov](#)

The mission of the grants.gov website is to provide a common website for federal agencies to post discretionary funding opportunities and for grantees to find and apply to them.

Potential Nonprofit Partners

[Volunteer Centers of Michigan](#)

Volunteer Centers of Michigan is a statewide network of 28 Volunteer Centers serving 55 Michigan counties that mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems. Through the convening of organizations, the promotion of community service, and the matching of volunteers to nonprofit programs and events, Volunteer Centers take a leadership role in addressing key community issues. Some regions include a list of nonprofit partner organizations.

[GreatNonprofits](#)

Nonprofits and schools often create partnerships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. This website allows people to find, review, and share information about nonprofits and charities. Find a local nonprofit or charity that can help you.

[Civic Engagement Team AmeriCorps VISTA Program](#). Members are placed with K-12 schools, college campuses, or volunteer connector organizations and will serve a portion of their service hours off site with a community partner. VISTA members serve to accomplish goals in one or more of the following five capacities:

1. Student Engagement: Engage in activities intended to improve learning and success in low-achieving K-12 schools.
2. Service-Learning: Engage in high quality service and service-learning projects in low-achieving K-12 schools.
3. College Access & Success: Engage in counseling, academic, enrollment, and retention support activities for economically disadvantaged youth.
4. Financial Literacy: Engage in activities that provide, support and/or facilitate access to resources and services that improve financial literacy, stability and security.
5. Employability: Engage in activities that provide, support and/or facilitate access to workforce development resources and services intended to improve employability and, ultimately, lead to employment

For more information on Civic Engagement Team AmeriCorps VISTA Program, contact Maggie Harris, Program Manager at mharris@mnaonline.org or 517-492-2425.

Scholarships and Grants

[Grants for Individuals – Education](#)

Michigan State University provides a compilation of opportunities for scholarships, fellowships and grants for individuals seeking funding for learning opportunities.

[FastWeb](#)

The largest online scholarship search available, with 1.3 million scholarships representing over three billion in scholarship dollars. Provides students with accurate, regularly updated information on scholarships, grants, and financial aid suited to their goals and qualifications at no cost.

[Foundation for Rural Service](#)

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards a one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company. FRS funds \$2,000 of each scholarship, and the sponsoring company awards the remaining \$500.

[Fundsnet Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)

A collection of web links by FundsNet.

Professional Development

Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers in Michigan

[Central Michigan University](#)

[Eastern Michigan University](#)

[Mathematics and Science Centers Network](#)

[Michigan LearnPort](#)

[Michigan State University](#)

[Michigan Teacher Corps](#)

[Michigan Tech](#)

[Music Teachers](#)

[Northern Michigan University](#)

[Professional Learning Board](#)

[REMC Association of Michigan](#)

[University of Michigan -Flint](#)

[Wayne RESA](#)

[Western Michigan University](#)

Discounted Supplies for Educators

[Reading Resource Project from Literacy Empowerment Foundation \(LEF\)](#)

The Reading Resource Project is an ongoing program that runs throughout the year. The program distributes softcover books FREE of charge for literacy programs. Reading levels are available for Pre-K through Second Grade. Reading Resource Project books come in sets of 100 books per set. Recipients pay shipping, handling, and administrative costs (78.00 per set). Each 100 book set consists of at least 10 different titles. Reading Resource Project books are available in a limited quantity on a first come, first served basis.

[MFE Family Discounted Book Program](#)

If you are an educator or program provider serving children from low-income families, you can access these books through the First Book Marketplace for up to 90 percent off retail prices. Simply sign up with First Book to get started. There is also a free, downloadable guide for each book.

[Office Depot / OfficeMax: Rewards Program](#)

Purchase the products you use most like paper, ink & toner, and you'll get 10% back in rewards every day. Turn in empty ink and toner cartridges as more ways to get rewarded. Membership is free.

[National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources](#)

Collects donations of overstocked and discontinued merchandise from businesses and redistributes them to schools and non-profit groups. Office supplies, art supplies, science supplies, industrial supplies, furnishings, clothes, personal care items, toys, electronics, books, etc. Teachers must [register](#) for free to participate. Merchandise is free or low cost but a Premier membership (\$595/year) is required for some items.

Grants and free seeds for school gardens:

[Annie's Grants for Gardens](#)

[Bonnie Plants' 3rd Grade Kids Cabbage Program](#)

[High Mowing organic seeds](#)

[Peaceful Valley](#)

[North Farm for Central U.P.](#)

[Seed Money](#)

[Territorial Seed Company](#)

[Whole Kids Foundation](#)

[WildOnes - Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grants](#)

[Wildflower Association of Michigan Grants](#)