

Superintendent's 5k Challenge Breaks Records with over 7,000 Participants



The 2025 Superintendent's 5K Challenge shattered records with 7,065 participants and 250 teams in this year's sold-out Race for Education. For the second consecutive year, Athan Figueroa from BioTech @ Richmond Heights 9-12 claimed first place and the #1 overall male spot.

Barbara Goleman Senior High School made history with 466 participants—the highest number ever from their school in the event's 10-year history. Other top schools included George Washington Carver Elementary (403), Ada Merritt K-8 Center (262), North Beach Elementary (239), and iPrep Academy North (174).

District representation was led by Academics and Transformation (145 participants) and Human Resources (83), while Florida International University's School of Education topped the higher education category with 38 participants.

This year's event saw remarkable growth in youth categories, with more than 100 children participating in the Kids 1 Mile Run and increased numbers across all Kids Dash age groups.

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IMPORTANT

The Office of Grants Administration assists District, Region, and school-site personnel in securing and managing external funding designed to enhance the educational experiences of students.

For a chance to be featured in our next newsletter, please send detailed information on your awarded grant and photos to **Aileen Delgado** at adelgado28@dadeschools.net.

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The race's success depended on countless volunteers, including the 5000 Role Models who assisted with race materials and the John A. Ferguson Sports Medicine Program team who managed the finish line.

Race results are available at <https://www.athlinks.com/event/167578/results/Event/1104786/Course/2574500/Results>, and event photos are available on the Foundation for New Education Initiatives (FNEI) website, <https://www.giveourstudentstheworld.org/>.

The Race Management Team extends heartfelt thanks to all participants, volunteers, and supporters who made the 2025 Superintendent's 5K Challenge the best in its history!



Foundation for New Education Initiatives (FNEI) Opens Applications for 2025-2026 Mini-Grants

The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. (FNEI) has announced that its annual Mini-Grant competition for the 2025-2026 academic year will open on April 4, 2025.

The grant opportunity is available to all Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) pre-K through grade 12 schools, including alternative schools, primary learning centers, and specialized centers.

Each school may submit one mini-grant application for projects that promote innovative educational activities, challenging academic achievement standards, and impact students through individual classroom activities. Projects may also include before- or after-school enrichment programs.

A total of \$27,000 will be awarded district-wide, with nine schools receiving \$3,000 each. Three schools from each region (North, Central, and South) will be selected as recipients.

Schools may use these funds for educational materials, equipment, field trips, entrance fees, bus rentals, and supplies.

Schools should begin preparing their proposals now. Complete application materials and submission guidelines will be available on the FNEI website starting April 4.

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Grant Opportunities

April 2025

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Awards will be given to those who have demonstrated positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose, shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals, accomplished something with inspirational value, something that could inspire others to make a difference, or do more than survive a difficult personal challenge. Applicants must have organized and led an extraordinary service activity that has benefited others or the planet we share. The service activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the winner and cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school or work.

Award: Up to \$10,000; Awards package

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Website: <https://barronprize.org/apply/>

McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Teacher Development Grants

The Teacher Development Grants support small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking k-12 classroom instruction. The Foundation awards grants to individuals in amounts up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$20,000 over two years, provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met.

Award: Up to \$20,000

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Website: <https://mccartheydressman.org/teacher-development-grants/>

McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Grants

The purpose of this program is to support programs that nurture the intellectual, artistic and creative abilities of children from low-income households. Eligibility is limited to educators who are employed by schools or non-profit organizations (e.g. community centers, museums, etc.); have the background and experience to complete the project successfully; have direct and regular contact with students in grades pre-k to 12; work with students from low-income households; and are willing to work in collaboration with the Foundation.

Award: Up to \$20,000

Deadline: April 15, 2025

Website: <https://mccartheydressman.org/academic-enrichment-grants/>

Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program

The Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program helps U.S. K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects. Each year, 50 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 for their class projects. Of these finalists, three are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning are eligible to apply. Applicants must be employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States.

Award: 50 finalists receive a \$2,000 award.

Three finalists will be selected for additional awards of \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000

Deadline: April 19, 2025

Website: <https://www.voya.com/page/voya-unsung-heroesrteacher-development-grants/>

May 2025

Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award

The intent of the award is to recognize humanities programs that expand student horizons beyond “basic education.” A humanities program can be focused on many subject areas, including but not limited to social studies, poetry, drama, art, music, language arts, foreign languages and culture. Programs should focus on broadening perspectives and helping students understand the wider world and their place in it. The humanities program should be initiated and coordinated by the school librarian and exemplify the role of library programming in advancing the overall education goals of the school.

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Website: <https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/jaffarianaward>

Toshiba America Foundation Grants for Grades 6-12

6th to 12th grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a Toshiba America Foundation grant of up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000 to help bring an innovative project into their own classroom. With a Toshiba America Foundation grant, sixth to 12th grade teachers can bring their best new teaching ideas to life. Applications must be for project based learning. We do not consider requests for computers, laptops or tablets.

Award: Varies

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Website: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

The purpose of this grant is to encourage the innovative use of technology and other tools to help teachers and students visualize and concretize mathematics abstractions.

Award: Maximum of \$3,000

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Website: https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants_and_Awards/Grants/2025_Winter/Info/enhancing%20student%20mathematics%20learning%20tools%20and%20technology%20pk-12_schult%20hocking_description.pdf

3M Young Scientist Lab

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge gives students in grades 5–8 the chance to change their world for the better with a single innovative idea. This premier science competition is a one-of-a-kind project-based learning opportunity designed to spark creativity, collaboration, and connection for students from every background.

Award: Up to \$25,000

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Website: <https://youngscientistlab.com/annual-challenge/about-the-challenge>

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is an annual award recognizing outstanding skilled trades teachers in U.S. public high schools. Public high school educators who teach skilled trades classes that emphasize the expert use of tools and materials to build, repair, and maintain products and structures are eligible, including teachers of agriculture mechanics, carpentry, construction, electrical, HVAC, manufacturing, plumbing, transportation mechanics, welding, and other trades.

Award: Varies

Deadline: May 2, 2025

Website: <https://hftforschoolsprize.org/>

The Education Fund Innovator Grants

To provide funds to teachers to develop and implement new, instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to learn.

Submitted proposals should be innovative, unique classroom projects that enliven and enrich the curriculum. Many past grants have included interdisciplinary, active-learning, hands-on lessons. Others have reinforced learning through simulations or applied school work to real-life situations.

Award: \$300-\$1,000

Deadline: May 30, 2025

Website: <https://form.jotform.com/230455645613051>

Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Grants Program

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood functions as an incubator for promising research and development initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of American children from infancy through age 7, with a broad definition of welfare that includes support, acculturation, societal integration, and childcare; the foundation provides seed money exclusively to innovative projects that demonstrate potential for significant interest among professionals, direct benefits to children, and possible nationwide application, focusing on proposals with the greatest chance of improving young children's lives on a national scale.

Award: Seed Money (15% of a project's direct expenses)

Deadline: May 31, 2025

Website: <https://earlychildhoodfoundation.org/#funding-limitations>

June 2025

ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

To support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry. Since 2008, over 700 high school chemistry teachers received ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grants. Teachers can request up to \$1,500 for their ideas. We typically offer grants for:

- Laboratory Equipment & Supplies
- Instructional Materials
- Professional Development
- Student-Conducted Field Studies

Award: Up to \$1,800

Deadline: June 1, 2025

Website: <https://www.acs.org/funding/grants/acs-hach-high-school-chemistry-classroom-grant.html>

The Herb Block Foundation: Encouraging Citizen Involvement

Through the Encouraging Citizen Involvement grant program, the Foundation seeks to ensure a responsible, responsive democratic government. The focus is on projects that promote citizen education and greater voter participation in the electoral process. All projects must be nonpartisan and may not involve lobbying for specific legislation or candidates. Nonprofit organizations throughout the United States are eligible to apply.

Award: \$10,000+

Deadline: LOI due June 4, 2025

Website: <https://www.herblockfoundation.org/grant-programs/encouraging-citizen-involvement>

July 2025

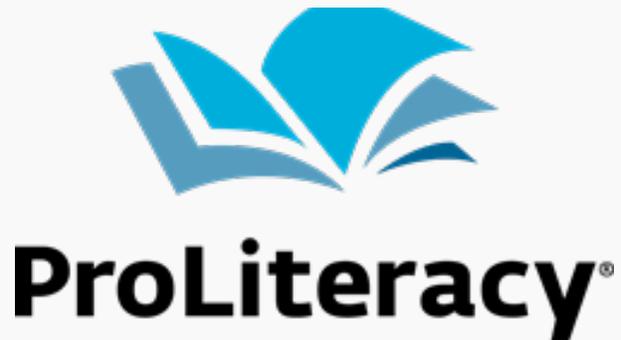
ProLiteracy Literacy Opportunity Fund

Grants through our Literacy Opportunity Fund help US-based nonprofit organizations do their work in transforming lives through adult literacy. We award grants up to \$6,000 to literacy organizations of all types and sizes that are doing direct work with adult students. Apply for a grant to fund your organization's general operating expenses, such as salaries or teacher stipends, supplies or equipment, space rental, and more. Or, apply for a Literacy Opportunity award to fund a particular project, event, or new programming development.

Award: Up to \$6,000

Deadline: July 1, 2025

Website: <https://www.proliteracy.org/grants-funding/literacy-opportunity-fund/>



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Rolling Opportunities

Florida Bicycle Association - School Grants for Safer Students

The grant reimburses schools up to \$500 for their staff time to assign and use the free, online Florida Bicycle Safety Quiz. School leaders and teachers can apply for the funding via a simple form at the link below. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. As funds are limited and expected to run out quickly, schools are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Award: up to \$500

Deadline: Until funds run out

Website: <https://floridabicycle.org/safestudents>

Pets in the Classroom Grants for Teachers

Pets in the Classroom is an educational grant program that provides financial support to teachers to purchase and maintain small animals in the classroom. The program was established by the Pet Care Trust to provide children with an opportunity to interact with pets. The Pet Care Trust also established the Dogs in the Classroom program, which provides teachers with the opportunity to bring animal-assisted therapy to their classroom—an experience that can help to shape their lives for years to come.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://petsintheclassroom.org/do-you-qualify/>



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Reiman Foundation

The Reiman Foundation focuses its giving in four main areas: health care, education, the arts and children. Applications are not in any specific format. Information submitted must be specific enough to give us a clear picture of the intended project, why the project is being proposed and who will benefit and how it will be administered.

Award: Unspecified amount

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.reimanfoundation.org/>

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation

The MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation supports efforts focused on improving the caliber, effectiveness, and availability of amateur baseball and softball programs across the United States and internationally. The foundation considers requests for a variety of purposes, including: Capital Projects, Baseball and Softball Programs, Education Initiatives, and Public Schools.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.baseballydf.com/youth-development-foundation/apply>

Brinker International

The Brinker International Charitable Giving Program and the company's restaurants, which include Chili's Grill & Bar and Maggiano's Little Italy, support nonprofit organizations in the communities where restaurants are located. (Information on locations is available for Chili's and Maggiano's.) Areas of interest include kids, hunger, and education. Monetary and in-kind support in the form of dining certificates are provided.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=def16a8c76fd4d01a50c9745011786f4>

Fiddler on the Roof Grants

Fiddler on the Roof Grants support middle school and high school productions of the musical Fiddler on the Roof. Eligible applicants are any middle school or high school with an active Thespian troupe. Priority is given to Title I schools or schools with a high percentage of students receiving free or reduced-price lunch in urban and rural locations.

Award(s): Grants up to \$1,500 for royalties and \$1,000 for MTI production resources are awarded.

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://foundation.schooltheatre.org/grants/>

Fruit Tree Orchard Donation Grant

FTPF seeks schools that can accommodate at least 20 to 25 trees on school grounds (planted at 15-foot intervals) near existing irrigation sources (e.g., spigot or sprinklers). Eligible applicants must own the planting site or have long-term arrangements to remain at the planting site, be committed to caring for the trees in perpetuity, and coordinate local volunteers to help with the tree planting. Recipients must agree that the orchard will not be used for any for-profit enterprise.

Award: High-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.ftpf.org/apply>

Glenn W. Bailey Foundation Grants

The foundation invites letters of inquiry for innovative early childhood STEM education programs in Florida. Any program or idea supporting students in Pre-K through 12th grade and into college or vocational studies is eligible.

Award: \$20,000- \$35,000

Deadline: None; Letter of Intent accepted on a rolling basis

Website: <https://www.gwbaileyfoundation.org/faqs>

Salad Bars to Schools

Any district or independent school participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is eligible to apply. To qualify for a Salad Bars to Schools grant you must offer the salad bar as a part of the reimbursable meal served in your district. The 6-foot, five-well salad bar package is for locations that serve at least 100 reimbursable meals daily.

Award: Salad Bar, hardware and pans w/covers

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

Website: <https://www.saladbars2schools.org/get-a-salad-bar/schools>

GTECH Afterschool Advantage Program

GTECH is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with up to \$50,000 in state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide economically disadvantaged children aged 5 to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment.

Award: up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: https://www.snpo.org/publications/fundingalert_details.php?id=2410

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate. Funds support various initiatives in various areas: Community and Economic Development, Diversity and Inclusion, Education, Environmental Sustainability, and Health and Human Services.

Award: \$250 - \$5,000

Deadline: On a quarterly basis

Mar. 10 – Apr. 15, 2025

May 1– Jul. 15, 2025

Aug. 1 – Oct. 15, 2025

Nov. 3 – Dec. 31, 2025

Website: <https://www.walmart.org/how-we-give/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>

The Awesome Foundation for the Arts and Sciences

Awesome projects range from public artwork to mobile applications to scientific experiments. Projects are not strictly defined but tend to challenge and expand our understanding of individual and communal potential. They should also bring communities together, casting aside social inhibitions and boundaries for a moment, however temporary. Grants are provided with no strings attached, and the foundation claims no ownership over the projects it supports.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.awesomefoundation.org>

Wish You Well Foundation

The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote families across the U.S. The focus of the Foundation's grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted at any time and are reviewed various time throughout the year.

Award: \$2,000 to \$10,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding>

Believe in Reading

Believe in Reading supports nonprofit organizations in the United States that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages. Supported literacy programs should serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Nonprofit organizations and equivalent educational institutions, including public libraries, are eligible to apply for support.

Award: Up to \$10,000, though the majority of grants are for \$3,000 or less

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/>

Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund makes grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Examples of previously funded programs include expanding music education for students in kindergarten through grade 12 and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Quarterly

Website: <https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>

McKeen Fund

The Fund's Mission is to improve the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities and disadvantaged children and families. Today, the McKeen Fund continues to support the donor's philanthropic philosophy and values, including an emphasis on giving to Roman Catholic organizations. Fund resources extend to direct charitable activities, including leadership, expertise and a commitment to our grantees and other non-profit organizations.

Award: \$5,000 - \$10,000 However it states up to \$50,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.mckeenfund.org/>

All Kids Play

To support nonprofit organizations, school sports programs, or government-run programs (i.e. community park districts) in low-income communities that provide community-based recreational level sports for kids in grades K-12.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://allkidsplay.org/youth-sports-grants/>

American Radio Relay League/Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program

Mini-Grants are awarded to groups that promote youth participation in amateur radio and enrich the experience of radio amateurs under the age of 18. Awards may be used to secure equipment for antennas for club stations, purchase training materials, and support local service projects that bring favorable public exposure, and similar activities. Preference will be given to projects for which matching funds are raised locally. Groups that qualify for the mini-grants include high school radio clubs, youth groups, and general-interest radio clubs that make a special effort to get youth involved in club activities.

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.arrl.org/the-victor-c-clark-youth-incentive-program>

The Climate Initiative: Youth Action Grants

TCI's Youth Action Grants provide support to youth organizations and individuals for youth-led, community-based action projects that empower youth ages 13-23 to develop climate solutions in their local landscape. The goal is to encourage youth to take action within their communities to better mitigate climate challenges, foster climate change discussion and education, and provide young people with the necessary resources to fill the gaps of climate adaptation in their communities.

Award: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.theclimateinitiative.org/resources/youth-grants/>

Adopt a Classroom

Adopt a classroom is a website that connects donors and teachers in an effort to bring needed supplies to classrooms.

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.adoptaclassroom.org/for-teachers-2020/>

Goodyear Foundation Community Grants

This program focuses on building and supporting collaborative programs that create positive outcomes for people, communities, and the world around us. Proposals should promote stronger and safer communities; inspire people to reach their potential in school and or careers preparation; stimulate waste reduction and energy conservation for our planet. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the start of your proposed program or project.

Award: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.goodyear.com/us/en/responsibility/community/community-support.html>

VOYA Foundation

Provide innovative and experiential K-8 STEM learning opportunities to promote an early interest in STEM career fields and improve teachers' capabilities in STEM; or provide financial literacy education curriculum to grade 9-12 students focused on navigating major financial milestones including student debt, credit, home ownership, financial products and services/financial capability, and family financial planning.

Award: Minimum \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.voya.com/page/voya-stem-futures>

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and DonorsChoose.org make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Public school teachers from every corner of the U.S. create classroom projects requests, and people give any amount to the project that inspires them.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://pgafamilyfoundation.org/about>

Believe in Reading - Grants for Literacy Programs

Supports the efforts of non-profit organizations that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages from around the world. Grants are awarded to existing and provably successful literacy programs.

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://believeinreading.org/>

Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

Each year, the Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama provides grants to elementary schools across the U.S. These grants are designed to help elementary schools enhance or establish a production based, drama-learning program at the school. Grants can also be used for the school's drama productions.

Award: up to \$300

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/elementaryDramaFund.html>

ALDI Cares Community Grants

ALDI, Inc. provides funding in the form of philanthropic donations and/or gift cards to local nonprofit organizations that make a positive impact on our Children's Health & Wellness and Food Insecurity while supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs. Eligible applicants are public and private kindergarten through grade 12 schools and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that benefit children in the geographic areas located where ALDI stores, offices, or warehouses in Alabama; Arkansas; California; Connecticut; Delaware; Washington, DC; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky. Applications must be submitted using the online system.

Award: Awards range from \$100 to \$5,000

Deadline: Monthly (Rolling)

Website: <https://corporate.aldi.us/corporate-sustainability/community/aldi-community-gift-card-program/>

Digital Wish Grants

Digital Wish Grants aims to help teachers receive funding for technology in their classroom. Through this program, teachers that submit a lesson plan are automatically eligible to be entered to win up to 50 technology grants. Participating teachers can share classroom stories and experiences and Digital Wish Grants will add them to the website. This allows potential donors to make contributions.

Award: Various Grants (e.g., Computer Science Teacher Grant \$1,000)

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.digitalwish.com>

Good Sports Equipment Grants

This organization provides sports equipment, apparel, and footwear to youth programs offering sports, fitness, and recreational programs. Eligible proposals must directly serve youth between the ages of 3-18, in need; in the U.S.; and do not charge a participation fee that exceeds \$299. Eligible school districts must serve students who receive free/reduced lunch and proposed programs may define the type of physical activity participants engage in. Winners will be responsible for operational costs, including equipment shipping.

Award: Up to \$1,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

Saxena Family Foundation Grants

The Saxena Family Foundation has a particular focus on initiatives that promote US science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. Previous grantees have included schools, universities, and nonprofit organizations.

Award: The Foundation anticipates most grants will be in the \$5,000-\$50,000 range. Initial grants are not necessarily typical of future grants.

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/>

Kid Spark Education

The Kid Spark STEM Equity Grant Program provides Title I schools everything they need to encourage STEM learning in the classroom, free of charge.

Award: Comprehensive Curriculum. STEM Labs and Professional Learning

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://go.kidsparkeducation.org/grants/stem-equity-grant-programs#grant-application>

H2O for Life Service-Learning Grant

The funds from this grant must be used to assist teachers and students as 'Start-Up Funds' for their H2O for Life service-learning project. These small grants require participating schools to create a fundraising project budget and an implementation plan for their school year that will raise funds to support an H2O for Life Global Partner School.

Award: \$250-\$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.h2oforlifeschools.org/page/education-programs>

Alternative Fuel Foundation

Funds are available for educational institutions to aid in the development of programs that promote renewable energy, environmental sustainability, and earth stewardship.

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.alternativefuelfoundation.org/grants/>

New Worlds Reading

To be eligible for New Worlds Reading, a child must be either a VPK student who is not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy, or a K-5th grade student in a Florida public or district-sponsored charter school who is not yet reading on grade level.

Award: Books

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.newworldsreading.com/fl/en/enrollment.html>

Yellow Buses in the Park

The purpose of the "Yellow Buses in the Parks" program is to assist with the transportation costs associated with field trips to State Parks, so that no child is deprived from the benefits of seeing Florida's natural, cultural, and historical parks.

Award: Transportation costs for Florida State Park field trip.

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://floridastateparksfoundation.org/programs/grant-programs/>

The Hagerty Foundation

The Hagerty Foundation provides programs and financial support in three focus areas: Car culture, Education, & Innovation. With the purpose of keeping driving alive for generations to come, we provide scholarships for students in the automotive field of education, offer financial support and mentorship for automotive start-ups an innovative business, and continue to build a federally recognized program through the National Historic Vehicle Register, that documents and records the important history of automobiles. The License to the Future program offers grants to young drivers (between the age of 14-18) to cover the cost of Drivers Education.

Award: Up to \$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://driversfoundation.org/grants>

Publix Requests for Donations

Publix recognizes the importance of supporting charitable activities within the community. As part of its mission, Publix focuses its charitable efforts on the following areas: youth, education, reducing hunger, and alleviating homelessness. All requests for gift cards, sponsorships and program ads must be submitted on the letterhead of the applicant's non-profit, tax-exempt organization at least four weeks prior to the event date. 501(c)(3) applicant organizations must include a copy of their "letter of determination" from the IRS.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.publix.com/community/requests>

Slow Food Garden Grant

Slow Food Miami makes Edible Garden Grants that support student-centered vegetable gardens in Miami-Dade County schools. The goal is to address childhood nutritional issues such as malnutrition and obesity, as well as to encourage students to develop healthy, respectful attitudes toward food. Funding includes planting support and consultation throughout the growing season. Eligible applicants are public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Applications must be submitted using the online system.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://slowfoodusa.org/school-gardens/grants-garden-guide/>

Women's Sports Foundation

The Women's Sports Foundation, established in 1974 by Billie Jean King, is a national nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting the lifelong participation of all girls and women in sports and fitness. The Foundation seeks to create an educated public that encourages females' participation and supports gender equality in sport. The Foundation's grant programs provide girls and women with educational materials and scholarships, research on issues related to women in sports, and leadership development, as well as opportunities to participate in sports and fitness. **Award:** Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/wsf_program_categories/girl-serving-programs/

Donors Choose

Teachers can request donations to support their classrooms virtually. Donors see these requests and responds to teacher requests at their will.

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.donorschoose.org/>

Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides grants that support programs to address the summer reading loss ("summer slide") experienced by rising kindergartners through rising third-graders and programs that advance energy, engineering, and environmental education through student programming or teacher professional development. Programs serving underrepresented, low-income, or diverse audiences, including women and minorities, will be given preference in this grant cycle. Programs that extend into out-of-school time will be given preference in this grant cycle.

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation/florida>

Eduporium Educational Technology Grant

The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th. While you can apply for grants as often as you'd like, educators may only apply for the Eduporium grant once per month with one application per person. Those awarded the grant are then ineligible to apply for one calendar year. Recipients may use their grant award on any of the hundreds of STEM, MakerEd, and computing technologies available on the Eduporium store.

Award: Robotics and Coding Kits, Drones, 3D Printers, Virtual Reality Systems, Makerspace Tools, Engineering Tools

Deadline: The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th.

Website: <https://www.eduporium.com/eduporium-tech-grant>



Teacher Resources

The Children's Trust Books for Free

The Children's Trust Books for Free is a partnership with Miami Book Fair at Miami Dade College. Our goal is to get more books in the hands of children who need them the most – magical, world-building, life-changing books that they can keep to read with their families over and over again. We achieve this goal by delivering an average of 2,443 new and gently used books per week to more than 70 public bookshelves located in high-traffic locations throughout Miami-Dade County's most underserved neighborhoods. These books are free for the taking by children and their caregivers.

Website: <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/books-free>

4-H Programs

4-H programs empower young people to lead for a lifetime. It is a youth development organization that helps young people, and their families gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities and develop ideas for a more innovative economy. 4-H programs promote science, healthy living and civic engagement through a network of public universities and community volunteers. The 4-H website offers several resources that supports at-home, and after-school programs, 4-H clubs, camps and curriculum and teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking activities.

Website: <https://4-h.org/ways-to-give/corporate-foundation-support/#!our-programs>



First Book

First Book offers free and inexpensive children's books and educational resources to schools and programs that serve children in need from birth to age 18. Head Start programs, Title I or Title I-eligible schools, USDA Food and Nutrition Service programs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Title VII recipients, military family support programs, libraries with E-rates of 90, programs primarily serving children with disabilities and programs where at least 70 percent of children come from low-income families are eligible to sign up with First Book. To register, visit First Book Marketplace.

Website: <https://www.fbmarketplace.org/register/>

The Education Fund

The objective of each Education Fund program is to work side-by-side with the private sector to support and promote quality public education for every child in Miami-Dade County Public Schools by providing teachers and students with resources they need to be successful.

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/>

Free National Geographic Teacher Resources for Grades PreK-12

What to teach each month; Classroom resources; Bring National Geographic to your classroom through lesson plans, maps, and reference resources. Resources for all grades in any subject.

Website: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/>



STEM Education Outreach Activities

Lockheed Martin provides funding and volunteer support to organizations that support STEM career readiness and access for students in high school. Select partners include:

- **Girls Inc.** inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, including programming to strengthen their interest and confidence in pursuing STEM education and careers.

Website: <https://girlsinc.org>

- **Project Lead The Way** empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges in engineering, computer science, and cybersecurity.

Website: <https://www.pltw.org/>

- **Million Girls Moonshot** seeks to prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in STEM learning opportunities through afterschool and summer programs.

Website: <https://milliongirlsmoonshot.org/>

- **FIRST** designs accessible and innovative robotics programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in STEM, while building knowledge and life skills.

Website: <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc>

Reading and Language Arts Online Collection Packs

PBS Learning Media offers online reading and language arts collection packs for K-12 teachers. These collection packs provide a set of educational resources focused on American authors, poetry, and Shakespeare. Each pack includes links to PBS websites and a set of activities by grade level. They offer lessons on great American authors, Shakespeare, and the Renaissance.

Website: https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?selected_facet=media_type:Collection

TEACH Grant

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. A TEACH Grant-eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor's or master's degree or is a postbaccalaureate program. A two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree is considered a program that leads to a bachelor's degree. A postbaccalaureate program is not TEACH-Grant-eligible if it is offered by a school that also offers a bachelor's degree in education.

Schools that participate in the TEACH Grant Program determine which of the programs they offer are TEACH-Grant-eligible. A program that is TEACH-Grant-eligible at one school might not be TEACH-Grant-eligible at another school. Additionally, even if a program meets the eligibility requirements to be a TEACH-Grant-eligible program, it may not be designated as TEACH-Grant-eligible by the school. Contact the financial aid office at the school you are attending (or that you plan to attend) to find out which programs at that school are eligible.

Website: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>



Energy Curricula and Learning Kits are now available for K-12 Public Schools!

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy is offering FREE Energy Education Kits for Florida's K-12 schools and School-Age Childcare Facilities (as referenced in 65C-22.008(1), F.A.C.). Each kit contains wires, motors, milliamp meters, multi-testers, propellers, UV detecting beads, thermometers, prisms, videos, watt meters, reference books, career guides, and various types and sizes of photovoltaic panels..

Website: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Energy/Energy-Education-Kits>

Free Activities for Teaching Math, Science and Music

MathScienceMusic.org is a free toolkit for teachers, bringing together the best resources in math, science, and music.

Website: <https://MathScienceMusic.org>

Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

Full-time teachers and current year PTA/PTSA Presidents in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are eligible to schedule an appointment to "shop" for school supplies twice a year at this free Miami store.

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/ocean-bank-center-for-educational-materials/teacher-shopping-visit.html>

Library of Congress (Classroom Materials)

Created by teachers for teachers, these ready-to-use materials provide easy ways to incorporate the Library's unparalleled primary sources into instruction.

Website: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/classroom-materials/>

Library of Congress (Virtual Workshops for Students in Grades 3-8)

NEW virtual workshops for students in grades 3-8. Connect with Library collections with one of these programs, led by a Library educator: Rosa Parks: Freedom Fighter, Imagination: Everyone's Superpower, and Stories in the Stars: Mythology at the Library of Congress.

Website: <https://www.loc.gov/visit/virtual-student-workshops/>

CritterCoin

Digital achievements-and-rewards system RedCritter has launched a new platform called CritterCoin where schools can build their own free system to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports with points, rewards in the form of digital coins and non-fungible tokens, and a school-specific rewards store.

Website: <https://www.crittercoin.com/>

Code Quest

A computer programming competition that puts high school student's coding skills to the test by solving problems created by Lockheed Martin Information Technology professionals.

Website: <https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/codequest.html>

Library of Congress (Online Webinars)

The Library of Congress offers educator webinars and workshops facilitated by education resource specialists. As sessions are added, we will post them here. Educators may also access materials and recordings from previously held webinars.

Website: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/professional-development/webinar/>

Grant Writing Workshops 2024-2025

For more information on grant writing and other financial resources, please visit our website at www.DadeGetsGrants.net

Workshop	Date	Registration/ Location
INSTAGrants	April 18, 2025	Webinar
Intermediate Grant Writing	June 6, 2025	Paul Bell Middle School 11800 NW 2nd St. Miami, FL 33182

In order to register, participants must use the M-DCPS Professional Learning Platform. It includes the District Professional Learning Catalog listing available grant writing workshops.