



[I love visiting schools and meeting librarians, teachers, and students.](#) But many schools can't afford author visits. In fact, many schools don't have the budget for new books, enrichment programs, or professional development. That's why I scoured resources and compiled this mega list of grants for schools and classrooms. There are plenty more than what you'll find here, of course, but this is a good place to start.

If any links on this page are broken, search the web with keywords. Also, please note that any specified grant amounts and details are subject to change.

Grants for Education

(Where a Texas organization is mentioned, insert your own state's equivalent.)

General Grant Sources:

Your local arts commission
Your state library association
Cooperative grant sites
Public library disaster relief funds
Corporate philanthropy (check local and national organizations)
Writing-related and literacy organizations
Sponsorships from community businesses

Select List of Specific Grants:

[Aldi Cares Community Grants](#)

[Amazon's Future Engineer Grants](#)

[American Association of School Librarians Innovative Reading Grant.](#) Assists school librarians with programs that motivate students to read

[Honda](#) grants

[Adoptaclassroom.org — \\$1,000 grants](#)

[Association of American Educators Foundation Classroom Grant](#)

[Barnes & Noble](#)

[Bayer Foundation grants](#) (primarily focused on areas local to their employees)

[Bureau of Indian Education](#) (grants for tribal education)

[The Laura Bush Foundation](#)

[Captain Planet Foundation](#) (STEM and environmental focus)

[Children's Book Project](#) (For rural and tribal libraries)

[City of Austin Cultural Arts Division](#)

[Crayola Cares](#)

[Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation](#)

[Dell Computers](#) (There are a bazillion Dell grants, so also widen your online search)

[Dollar General Literacy Foundation.](#) Grants to help establish a summer reading program.

[Donors Choose](#)

[Exxon/Mobil \(especially for STEM\)](#)

[Fender Music Foundation grants](#)

[First Book](#) (They also provide a book for each participating child.)

[First](#) (STEM and Robotics)

[Fund for Teachers Fellowships](#)

[Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)

[GetEdFunding - grant finding resource](#)

[Google for Education — \(various grants\)](#)

[Grant Watch](#) by state (ie: Texas [Grant Watch](#))

[Grants.gov](#) — U.S. Department of Education (multiple grant options)

[Grants for Teachers](#)

[Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award from AASL, funded by Simon & Shuster](#)—\$4,000

school visit grant

[HEB Education grants](#)

[HigherEd Grants](#)

[Impact Austin](#)

[Innovative Reading Grant from AASL, sponsored by Capstone](#)

[International Association of School Librarianship grants](#)

[International Literacy Association grants](#)

[The Library of Congress Surplus Book Program](#)

[Junior Library Guild](#) compilation of grant opportunities

[Lockheed Martin](#)

[National Education Association](#) — multiple grant options

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Office Depot grants](#)

[Pets in the Classroom](#) — Financial support to purchase and support classroom pets

[Pilfrow Foundation grant for rural and tribal communities](#)

[ProLiteracy](#) — includes a variety of grants

[Reading Rock Stars Program](#) — Texas Book Festival grant. They provide a book for each participating child, too.

[Reflex Educator Grant Program](#)

[Samsung Solve for Tomorrow,](#)

[SCBWI's Amber Brown Grant](#)

[Scholastic](#)

[Shell Corporation](#)

[Snapdragon Book Foundation](#) — Grants to help provide books for school libraries for disadvantaged students

[Sony](#)

[Sprint Character Education grant](#)

[Starbucks grants](#)

[Target](#)

[TD Charitable Foundation \(Canada\)](#)

[Texas Commission on the Arts](#)

[Texas Education Agency grants](#)

[Texas Grant Watch](#) — list of grant opportunities

[The Texas Library Association sponsors grants](#)

[Trader Joe's grants](#)

[Voya Unsung Heroes by Scholarship America](#)—Each year, they give \$2,000 to 50 schools to support education

[Walmart Local Community Grants](#)— \$250-\$5,000 for schools in need, to fund educational projects or purchase classroom resources

[Wells Fargo](#)

[Worlds of Words grants](#) —\$1,000 for literacy communities to explore the use of global literature and world languages to build intercultural understanding

[Writer's League of Texas' Project Wise](#) facilitates one-hour author visits at no cost to participating Austin-area schools

Looking for even more grants?

[List of grants provided by Waterford.org](#)

[List of 10 music education grants in this article by The Journal](#)

[List of even more Music-specific grants, provided by NAMM](#)

[Compilation of even more grant resources by Amanda Jones for AASL's Knowledgequest.](#) Also, see her [Wakelet with tremendous list of additional resources.](#) And her podcast information for [School Librarians United](#)



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