

Grants for Education



[I love visiting schools and meeting librarians, teachers, and students.](#) It breaks my heart when I hear about schools that 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, classrooms, and educational programs. It takes a little bit of sleuthing, but free money is available. All you have to do is apply.

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

Some General Grant Sources:

- Your local arts commission
- Your state library association
- Cooperative grant sites
- Specific interest groups (ie: STEM, Music, Art, Environment, Earth Day, Counseling, etc.)
- 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

[American Honda Foundation](#) 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)

[The Laura Bush Foundation](#)

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

[City of Austin Cultural Arts Division](#)

[Crayola Creative Leadership Grants](#)—\$2500 plus products

[Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation](#)

[Dell Computers](#)

[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](#) — lists 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 and 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 Literacy Association Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant](#)—\$2,500 for K-8 educators in schools with at least 60% of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch

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

[Junior Library Guild](#)

[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

[ProLiteracy](#)

[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 Foundation](#)

[Target](#)

[TD Charitable Foundation](#)

[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 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](#)



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