

Foundations that fund youth programs in Ohio

Private foundations that have given to youth programs in Ohio and say they accept applications.

324

foundations open to applications

1,001

grants to organizations in Ohio

\$22,953,292

given to this work

Why every foundation here is worth your time

72% of private foundations say in their IRS filings that they only give to organizations they have already chosen. They don't accept applications, so they've been left out. Every foundation in this report says it does accept them, and every one has already given to youth programs in Ohio.

How to use it

Start with the funders whose typical grant matches your ask and whose recent recipients look like you. Read their application instructions in the spreadsheet, note the deadline, and check the restrictions before you write anything. The Grants sheet lists every grant behind this report, with the recipient, amount and stated purpose.

Top 25 funders by total given

Foundation	Based in	Grants	Total	Typical grant	Deadline
The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	2	\$3,106,772	\$1,553,386	No fixed deadline
Charles H Dater Foundation Inc	Cincinnati, OH	37	\$1,425,000	\$30,000	No fixed deadline
The Paul and Carol David Foundation	Canton, OH	1	\$993,092	\$993,092	No fixed deadline
Burton D Morgan Foundation Inc	Hudson, OH	9	\$922,000	\$60,000	Submission deadlines are Feb 1, May 1, Sept 1 unless otherwise agreed upon by program staff and CEO.
Jack Joseph & Morton Mandel Foundation	Cleveland, OH	6	\$628,000	\$9,000	No fixed deadline
The Charlotte R Schmidlapp Fund Fifth Third	Cincinnati, OH	1	\$610,000	\$610,000	Available on request
Hcs Foundation	Westlake, OH	4	\$580,000	\$37,500	No fixed deadline
Millstone Fund	Cincinnati, OH	13	\$565,000	\$25,000	December 15th and June 15th
Mathile Family Foundation	Dayton, OH	17	\$564,482	\$15,000	February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1
Dudley Taft Charitable Foundation Co Fifth	Cincinnati, OH	1	\$520,000	\$520,000	No fixed deadline

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The George Gund Foundation	Cleveland, OH	11	\$450,500	\$30,000	3/15 (for summer meeting); 7/15 (for fall meeting); and 11/15 (for winter/spring meeting).
Saint Lukes Foundation of Cleveland Ohio	Cleveland, OH	11	\$393,630	\$10,000	No fixed deadline
Tr Uw Jacob Schmidlapp #1	Cincinnati, OH	4	\$385,000	\$62,500	Available upon request
The Business of Good Foundation	Ashtabula, OH	1	\$330,000	\$330,000	Applications should be submitted prior to Oct 15th for consideration by Dec 31st of the current year
J William & Mary Straker Charitable Fdn	Zanesville, OH	13	\$328,747	\$19,794	No fixed deadline
Louise Taft Semple Foundation	Cincinnati, OH	2	\$280,000	\$140,000	Website: http://ignitephilanthropy.com/grant-seekers/louise-taft-semble-foundation/
Wilson Sheehan Foundation	Springfield, OH	11	\$262,500	\$10,000	No fixed deadline
Sutphin Family Foundation ICA	Pittsburgh, PA	9	\$255,000	\$25,000	See "information for grant applicants"
Liberty Mutual Foundation Inc	Boston, MA	6	\$255,000	\$32,500	There are no submission deadlines. Liberty mutual foundation has rolling reviews of applications.
Reeves Foundation	Dover, OH	3	\$254,700	\$27,000	Applications should be submitted 3 weeks prior to bimonthly meetings
Unnewehr Family Foundation	Cincinnati, OH	5	\$251,000	\$15,000	No fixed deadline
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation	Cleveland, OH	16	\$249,398	\$15,000	There are six application deadlines during the calendar year: 2/15, 4/15, 6/15, 8/15, 10/15, 12/15
The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation	Hudson, OH	4	\$239,140	\$50,625	Letter of inquiry deadline: October 1, February 1 application deadline: November 1, May 1
The Nord Family Foundation	Amherst, OH	8	\$230,000	\$27,500	Trustees usually meet in Feb, Jun and Oct and proposals should be submitted 10 weeks prior.
Third Federal Foundation	Cleveland, OH	3	\$215,000	\$85,000	There are no submission deadlines. The foundation will evaluate requests in a timely manner.

Funder profiles

The 10 largest givers, with how to apply in their own words.

The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH | 2 grants to this work | \$3,106,772 total | typical grant \$1,553,386

Contact	The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, (513) 214-1200
How to apply	Complete the foundation's grant proposal which includes a case statement, goals and objectives, activities, timelines, staffing, budget, anticipated outcomes and measurement as well as IRS determination letter.
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Restrictions	Charitable organizations
Recent recipients	Jewish Family Service; Ish

Charles H Dater Foundation Inc

Cincinnati, OH | 37 grants to this work | \$1,425,000 total | typical grant \$30,000

Contact	Bruce a Krone, (513) 241-1234
How to apply	Applications are submitted electronically www.daterfoundation.org
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Restrictions	Grants are primarily for the benefit of children in the Greater Cincinnati area.
Recent recipients	Greater Cincinnati Foundation; Cet Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Foundation; Bloc Ministries Inc; Taft Museum of Art

The Paul and Carol David Foundation

Canton, OH | 1 grants to this work | \$993,092 total | typical grant \$993,092

Contact	Jeffrey David, (330) 479-0200
How to apply	Applications to be requested from individual in 2(a) above.
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Restrictions	Scholarships to qualified high school students in stark county, Ohio.
Recent recipients	Boys & Girls Club of Massillon

Burton D Morgan Foundation Inc

Hudson, OH | 9 grants to this work | \$922,000 total | typical grant \$60,000

Contact	Foundation Only Accepts Online Appl, (330) 655-1660
How to apply	Forms for applications and materials that should be included are available at www.bdmorganfdn.org/grants .
Deadlines	Submission deadlines are Feb 1, May 1, Sept 1 unless otherwise agreed upon by program staff and CEO.
Restrictions	Restrictions and limitations can be seen at www.bdmorganfdn.org/grants with additional information available at www.bdmorganfdn.org/strategic-plan .
Recent recipients	Jumpstart Inc; University School; Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio; Western Reserve Historical Society

Jack Joseph & Morton Mandel Foundation

Cleveland, OH | 6 grants to this work | \$628,000 total | typical grant \$9,000

Contact	Jehuda Reinharz, (216) 875-6500
How to apply	No formal application form is used. The following information should accompany any request: 1) description of project and justification for grant. 2) amount of grant requested and term of grant. 3) pertinent financial information. 4) IRS exemption status including copy of exemption letter.
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Recent recipients	Youth Opportunities Unlimited; YWCA Greater Cleveland; Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio; Shoes and Clothes for Kids Inc

The Charlotte R Schmidlapp Fund Fifth Third

Cincinnati, OH | 1 grants to this work | \$610,000 total | typical grant \$610,000

Contact	Fifth Third Bank Foundation Office, (513) 534-7001
How to apply	Available on request
Deadlines	Available on request
Restrictions	To support initiatives that empower and assist women and girls in achieving self-sufficiency
Recent recipients	YWCA of Greater Cincinnati Inc

Hcs Foundation

Westlake, OH | 4 grants to this work | \$580,000 total | typical grant \$37,500

Contact	L Thomas Hiltz, (216) 781-3502
How to apply	Grant requests are sent to the attention of trustee listed in line 2a.
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Recent recipients	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati; Lighthouse Youth Services Inc; Cincinnati Youth Collaborative; Boy Scouts of America - Council 428 Dan Beard

Millstone Fund

Cincinnati, OH | 13 grants to this work | \$565,000 total | typical grant \$25,000

Contact	Millstone Fund Grants Office, info@millstonefund.org, (513) 298-2018
How to apply	Submit an letter of intent (LOI) via the organization's website. The review committee will review the LOI to determine whether an application invitation will be offered. Organizations offered the opportunity to complete a full application will be notified of next steps.
Deadlines	December 15th and June 15th
Restrictions	Grant requests should not exceed \$50,000 without permission from millstone fund. Requests will generally not be considered for less than \$10,000.
Recent recipients	Interact for Change; Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio; Lighthouse Youth Services Inc; Joy Outdoor Education Center

Mathile Family Foundation

Dayton, OH | 17 grants to this work | \$564,482 total | typical grant \$15,000

Contact	Executive Directormathile Family Fo, info@mathilefamilyfoundation.org, (937) 264-4600
How to apply	Grant application and required information can be found at mathilefamilyfoundation.org
Deadlines	February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1
Restrictions	The mathile family foundation supports projects that align with its mission: transforming the lives of children and families; the highest priority is given to eligible organizations in the Dayton area; grant amounts are for \$1,000 and higher; a reasonable request should take into account the overall
Recent recipients	The Dayton Foundation; Cooperative for Education; Black Brothers-black Sisters Involvement; Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

Dudley Taft Charitable Foundation Co Fifth

Cincinnati, OH | 1 grants to this work | \$520,000 total | typical grant \$520,000

Contact	Dudley Taft Charitable Foundation, (513) 241-8880
How to apply	Letter
Deadlines	No fixed deadline
Restrictions	Prefer to limit grants to the Greater Cincinnati area and the field of education
Recent recipients	Boys and Girls Club of Greater

About this report

Compiled by Find the Funders from the Form 990-PF returns private foundations file with the IRS, covering returns filed in 2025. Figures are as each foundation reported them. Application details change, so confirm with a funder before you apply. Not affiliated with the IRS or any foundation.