

Funding Newsletter

Grant Opportunities and Resources for M-DCPS' Educators, Students and Families

April 2026



Helios Education Foundation invests \$1.5 Million in M-DCPS Students through a new bold initiative: SmartPath Connect to College

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students will benefit from a recent Helios Education Foundation investment of \$1.5 million in a new bold initiative, *SmartPath Connect to College*. This new initiative will support M-DCPS students at Homestead Senior High, Miami Jackson Senior High, Miami Norland Senior High, Miami Northwestern Senior High, Miami Senior High, and Booker T. Washington Sr. High. Building on the M-DCPS College Assistance Program, the collaboration between The Education Fund and M-DCPS demonstrates a shared deep commitment to helping students prepare for college and career success.

Through this program, more than 10,000 students each year will be exposed to college growing opportunities. “We believe education is an investment, not an expense, and the return on that investment is realizing both the individual and society benefit,” said Walter Jennings, Director of Student Success Initiatives for Florida for Helios at the event. “We believe every student deserves the opportunity to be successful regardless of zipcode.”



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Share Your Award!

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 Abby Martinez at abzymartinez@dadeschools.net.

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Miami Senior High School hosted champions of higher education — Helios Education Foundation, The Education Fund, M-DCPS leadership, faculty and staff, M-DCPS students and alumni, the Office of Student Services, and the Office of Grants Administration — to celebrate the new bold collaborative program *SmartPath Connect to College* to expand college prep services empowering students to dream without limits.

MINI GRANT UPDATE:



The Veterinary Academy at J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School, a four-year program designed to prepare all interested high school students for a career in veterinary science, was awarded an M-DCPS Foundation Mini-Grant this year to directly fund the Feline Clinical Simulation equipment actively being used in the classroom by 150 students every year. The project focuses on simulation-based clinical training to strengthen students' technical competencies prior to live animal interaction and internship placements in Miami-Dade County. The rigorous curriculum, partnerships with the Miami-Dade Animal and Pet Services, and hands-on experience on the onsite clinic and barn of the Veterinary Program at JC Bermudez Doral Senior High School supports the growing demand for well-trained veterinary assistants in clinics, veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, and community service organizations.

Dr. Marcela Caminos, DVM, MS, EL, FFA Advisor, spearheaded the M-DCPS Foundation Mini-Grant application in 2025. The Foundation is about to announce its new round of applications later this Spring. Stay tuned and remember to apply!



Palm Springs Middle School Wins Award For Sports Uniforms!

At Palm Springs Middle School, Coach Henderson was at work applying for grants once again and won! The Uniform Funding Foundation (TUFF) recently awarded Palm Springs Middle School with uniforms for the boys and girls basketball teams. TUFF representatives, faculty, parents and students participated in the uniforms reveal at an onsite school event on February 25, 2026, as they also listened to Robert Burns, a player from the Atlanta Falcons and now a motivational speaker for athletes. “I want my students to have everything and submitting these grants I feel I am going that extra mile for them,” said Sheryl Henderson, Palm Springs Middle (PSM) Department Head and PE Teacher.

“Palm Springs Middle School stood out among many applicants because of its deep commitment to academic achievement, student growth, and community pride.” stated Adam Shibley, Founder of TUFF. “Palm Springs Middle School represents exactly the kind of environment where TUFF’s programs can make a meaningful impact,” he concluded.



“New uniforms don’t just change how our basketball teams look, they change how they feel. They spark pride in their school, build confidence, and turn a group of players into one unstoppable team,” said Zorilin Vazquez, Palm Springs Middle Athletic Coordinator.

The Uniform Funding Foundation (TUFF) was founded by Adam Shibley in 2018 to help alleviate the financial burden placed on individuals from low-income communities. Since then, TUFF has impacted over 5,000 youth athletes in 16 states and 4 countries.

Please visit www.gettuff.org for more information.



Grant Opportunities

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Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes Awards

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

Deadline:

Pre-applications - March 15, 2026 5:00 PM MT

Full applications - April 15, 2024 5:00 PM MT

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

Amateur Radio Digital Communications Grants

Education Grants include scholarships, as well as projects that aim to educate or mentor individuals, such as K-12 school programs and programs aimed at underserved groups. We are primarily interested in STEAM programs that are linked to amateur radio, wireless technology, or digital communications.

Award: Range varies

Deadline: February 1; April 1; July 1; September 1 + Scholarship Program Applications Due

Website: <https://www.ar dc.net/apply/>



ProLiteracy

General Operating Support for Adult Literacy Programs

For Adult learners

ProLiteracy's Literacy Opportunity Fund provides general operating grants to U.S.-based nonprofit organizations delivering direct adult literacy services. Funding supports core expenses such as salaries or teacher stipends, instructional supplies, equipment, space rental, and program costs. Grants may also be used to launch new literacy initiatives or strengthen existing programming. Eligible applicants must work directly with adult learners to improve literacy and basic education outcomes.

Award: Up to \$6,000

Deadline: April 1

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



Karma For Cara Foundation - K4C

The Karma For Cara Foundation invites students 18 years of age and younger to complete projects that benefit their communities. Micro-grants are intended to serve as a bridge between ideas and action that assist young citizen leaders in executing and magnifying their initiatives to help repair the world. Examples of eligible projects include transforming a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground, or helping senior citizens ready their home for winter. If applying on the behalf of an entire class or student group, the foundation requests that applicants designate a maximum of three student leaders to be the main points of contact for the project.

Award: \$250-\$1,000

Deadline: April 5, 2026 (every quarter)

Website: <https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application>

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The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation

The Foundation partners with individuals to expand educational opportunities for America's youth that inspire students by nurturing their curiosity about the world and their place in it. Funding includes scholarships that provide far more than just tuition and books; grants that benefit the lives of more than just those who receive them; and results that reach far beyond the classroom in which the projects are introduced.

- ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GRANTS focus on maximizing innovation and results in classrooms and education departments.

- TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS focus on increasing the effectiveness of individual educators and small teams of teachers.

Award: \$10,000-\$20,000

Deadline: April 15, 2026 OR until 200 submissions are reached!

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



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:

Cycle 1 - April 15

Cycle 2 - July 15

Cycle 3 - November 30

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



The JJ Watt Foundation

Grants for after-school athletic programs in Florida - middle schools and charter schools. Our mission is to provide after-school opportunities for middle-school aged children in the community to become involved in athletics, so that they may learn the character traits of accountability, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and perseverance, while in a safe and supervised environment with their peers.

Award: Varies

Deadlines: April 15; Sept. 15; and Jan. 15. Review deadlines online as they apply for particular sports.

Website: <https://jjwffoundation.org/request-funds/>



Grant Opportunities Continued

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The Anxiety & Depression Initiative (The ADI) The Anxiety & Depression Initiative (The ADI) works to promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle while living with anxiety, depression, and related disorders to provide general information about mental health resources and to overall help lessen the stigmas associated with anxiety, depression, and related disorders. National. Award: up to \$10,000
Deadline: April 27, 2026
Website: <https://theadi.org/>



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: April 30, 2025
Website: <https://youngscientistlab.com/annual->



US Department of Education Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge

The Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, is a \$15 million prize competition to strengthen the connections between learners, education and training providers, and employers by fostering the development of integrated Talent Marketplaces.
Award: Prize pool \$1,000,000
Deadline: April 30, 2026 (sign up for information sessions!)
Website: <https://www.cto-challenge.com/>

Grant Opportunities Continued

May 2026

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Enhancing Student Mathematics Learning Through the Use of Tools and Technology Grant (PK-12)

By: Veryl Schult-Ellen Hocking Fund, and 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/grants/#may1>



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>

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 16, 2026

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



Rolling Opportunities

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/>



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/>

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>

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/funding-criteria>

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>

Grant Opportunities Continued

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>

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

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/>

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>

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/>

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 after April 1, 2026 at any time and will be reviewed various times throughout the year.”

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

Deadline: Rolling

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

Grant Opportunities Continued

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/>



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>



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>



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>

Grant Opportunities Continued

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>

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>

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>

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/>

ALDI Cares Community Grants

“ALDI, Inc. provides funding in the form of philanthropic donations and/or gift cards to local non-profit 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 non-profit 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->



Grant Opportunities Continued

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>



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>

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/>

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://kidsparkeducation.org/>



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>

Grant Opportunities Continued

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/

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

"The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation provides musical instruments to schools across the country, primarily focusing on enhancing access to music education for students in underprivileged communities."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://mhopus.org/instrument-grants/>

The Larry Fitzgerald Foundation

"To empower communities by funding nonprofit organizations that advance equity in youth education and breast cancer awareness. Grants support programs that expand after-school learning, provide youth camps, and increase access to technology for K-12 students."

Award: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.thelarryfitzgeraldfoundation.org/pages/grants>

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/>

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>

Auto Club Group Foundation

"To support traffic safety, financial literacy, and driver education. Its grants back innovative programs that enhance roadway safety and address emerging transportation challenges. The Foundation invests in K-12 financial literacy education, helping students build lifelong money management skills."

Award: Up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.acgfoundation.org/grants.html>



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/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/>



Teacher Resources Continued

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/>

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/>

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>



Teacher Resources Continued

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>

The Molina Foundation Book Buddies Search

“Be the first to know about opportunities to apply for grants of new, free children’s books and other education and health resources from the Foundation.”

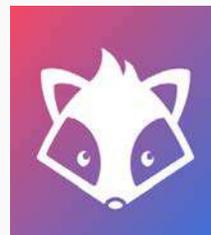
Website: <https://molinafoundation.org/join-our-network/>



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/>



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/>



Players Trust

The Players Trust has worked alongside our Major Leaguers to implement a series of youth development programs all designed with the same end result in mind – to find the most exciting ways to engage young people in the games of baseball and softball so they may further develop their love of learning, their understanding of the world around them, and their 21st century skill set.

If your school or nonprofit currently works with youth in the United States, Latin America, or the Caribbean, there may be availability for your program to participate in a future cohort.

Website: <https://www.trust.mlbplayers.com/nonprofit-resources>

OGA Spotlight

OGA participates in 2026 Superintendent's 5K!



On March 7, over 6,300 runners and walkers came together to support our public schools across Miami-Dade County for the EdFed Race for Education at its 11th Annual Superintendent's 5K. Raising a record breaking \$125,000, participants included children, parents and guardians, teachers, and administrators representing over 200 M-DCPS schools in our community.

Office of Grants Administration shared in this incredible moment. The impact goes beyond the finish line and back to funding our schools!

Since 2008, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Foundation (formerly the Foundation for New Education Initiatives) has brought tens of thousands of families together at the Superintendent's 5K.

Check out race photos [here!](#)





Grant Writing Workshops 2025-2026

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

Workshop	Date	Registration/Location
Intermediate Grant Writing	April 3, 2026	Pual W. Bell Middle School 11800 N.W. 2nd Street, Miami, Florida 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.		



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