

Funding Opportunities August 2009

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The McKenzie Foundation

Application Deadline: The foundation reviews letters on a continuous basis, and they may be submitted at any time during the year.

Description: The purpose of the McKenzie Foundation is to encourage and support nonprofit programs, primarily in the areas of education, health, human services, and cultural and environmental concerns. Faced with the task of translating these broad-reaching goals into a more focused set of grant guidelines, the board has selected four initiatives that will shape its grant-making for the next few years:

- ◆ early childhood development
- ◆ education
- ◆ the environment
- ◆ arts and culture.

Who May Apply: The foundation makes grants only to tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification from the Internal Revenue Service. It does not support for-profit organizations or candidates for political office.

For more information, go to: <http://www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php>

Protective Life Foundation

Application Deadlines: Deadlines for 2009 are August 20 and November 20.

Description: The objectives of the foundation are to contribute to the welfare and the quality of life of the local community; to be a corporate leader and pacesetter in giving; and to work in partnership with other organizations, corporations, and individuals to find solutions for some of the difficult human and economic situations in our communities.

The foundation supports the following fields of interest:

- ◆ arts and culture
- ◆ civic and community
- ◆ education
- ◆ health and health initiatives
- ◆ human services
- ◆ United Way
- ◆ youth and youth services.

Who May Apply: All grant recipients must be charitable organizations as designated by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, proposals from the following organizations will not be reviewed: public or private schools with grades K-12 churches, public facilities, or state organizations, animal-related causes, sporting events, other corporate or private foundations.

For more information, go to: <http://www.protective.com/default.asp?id=168>

Profiles in Caring -- The Ambassadors of Caring Award

Application Deadline: There is no deadline to apply.

Description: Profiles in Caring is an internationally syndicated television show as well as a nonprofit organization. The purpose of the organization is to profile nonprofit humanitarian groups doing good work around the world. The Ambassador of Caring Award is a series of ongoing grants from Profiles in Caring.

Funding Amount: Up to four grants are awarded each year. Award winners receive:

- a \$10,000 grant to further the organization's good work
- a television feature about the organization, broadcast nationally and internationally to millions of households
- a copy of the feature to keep and duplicate at will for use in marketing and fund-raising efforts
- a beautiful keepsake award.

Who May Apply: In order to qualify for a grant, the applicant must be a registered nonprofit organization, not a person. In the United States, that means the organization must have 501(c)(3) status. There is no cut-off in budget, and no requirement that the staff of the group be unpaid volunteers; however, the percentage of the budget spent on overhead and personnel costs are factored in when considering grants.

For more information, go to: <http://www.profilesincaring.com/ambfaq.asp>

Wells Fargo Bank

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen communities. The company directs its giving to areas that it believes are important to the future of the nation's vitality and success: community development, education, and human services.

Who May Apply: Eligible organizations must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or be a qualified governmental or tribal entity. For more information, go to: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/>

Sprint Foundation

Application Deadline: The Sprint Foundation accepts and reviews unsolicited proposals from January 2 through November 21 annually.

Description: The Sprint Foundation reviews grant and contribution proposals relating to K-12 education, arts and culture, youth development, and diversity.

Who May Apply: The Sprint Foundation only makes grants to 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.

For more information, go to:

http://www.sprint.com/responsibility/sprint_foundation/index.html

Verizon Foundation

Application Deadline: The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous basis from January 1 through October 31.

Description: The Verizon Foundation awards grants to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on helping people across the country increase their literacy and educational achievement, avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence, and achieve and sustain their health and safety. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas:

- ◆ Literacy
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Domestic Violence Prevention
- ◆ Health Care and Accessibility
- ◆ Internet Safety

Who May Apply: Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c) (3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

RGK Foundation

Application Deadline: There is no deadline for submitting an electronic letter of inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, but asks that applicants allow up to two weeks for a response. The foundation will send an e-mail message either declining the applicant's request or inviting the applicant to submit a formal application packet for further consideration.

Description: The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of education, community, and medicine/health.

Funding Amount: While the foundation does award some grants of more than \$25,000, it anticipates that most grants awarded will be under \$25,000.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

For more information, go to: <http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines/>

The Lawrence Foundation

Application Deadline: The next deadline is October 31. See program Web site for more details.

Description: The Lawrence Foundation is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support environmental, educational, health, human services, and other causes.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations that qualify for public charity status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or public schools and libraries are eligible for contributions or grants.

For more information, go to: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.php>