



ACT / Grant Resource Department

The Grant Connection

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Manatee Community Foundation

Purpose: Supporting early childhood development, primary education through completion of high school, and preparation for employment. See website for further information and for list of past recipients like the Manatee High School's winning grant through its Theatre Department!

Eligibility: Schools and non-profit organizations serving Manatee County

Grant Awards: Between \$2,500.00 and \$5,000.00

Deadline: TBA—the application will be available November/December

Contact: <https://www.manateecf.org/nonprofits/grants/>

Voya Unsung Heroes™ Awards Program

Purpose: Grants are given to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Eligibility:

- Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States.
- Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning.

Grant Awards: Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000.00 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00 and \$25,000.00.

Deadline: April 30, 2018

Contact: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/>

Walmart Community Grant Program

Purpose: There are 8 areas of funding. This includes providing afterschool enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low income individuals and families. See the website for the full listing.

Eligibility: A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university, etc.

Grant Awards: Range from \$250.00 to \$2,500.00

Deadline: December 31, 2017

Contact: <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>

Note: The best time to apply is in February—this is when the funding cycle starts and they have the most funds available. You can apply for funding at more than one Walmart.

“Some people are born for Halloween, and some are just counting the days until Christmas.” -

Stephen Graham Jones

Wishing you all the best for a holiday season filled with comfort and joy!

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Grant Tips

- Use language that can be easily understood. Try to eliminate acronyms and jargon.
- Write as concisely as possible and keep it simple.
- Follow all directions. Applications can be “thrown out” for having the wrong margins or font size.
- When involving requests for equipment or software, think about installation, district policy, and maintenance beyond the grant.
- Remember—your principal must review and approve your grant.