

# Chromebook Grants

*education technology grants  
and funding resources*



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*\*Note:* This is not a comprehensive list of all possible funding sources, but rather an attempt to collate a few common ones.

# Chromebooks Overview

## Chromebooks in the classroom

Chrome devices are optimized for the web's vast educational resources. Integrate rich content into lessons, inspire collaboration, and encourage students to create and share their own content with the world. Chrome devices deliver it all without lengthy startup times or tedious training. They're a simple, scalable and affordable way to put technology into the hands of more students and teachers.



## Effortless to manage

Chrome devices streamline the hours that IT administrators spend managing computers. The Chrome operating system seamlessly improves over time and the available web-based management console lets administrators set up and manage users, apps and policies across an entire fleet of Chrome devices, even if the devices are distributed across many classrooms.

## Efficient at scale

Two of the biggest challenges schools face when implementing technology programs are budget and IT support. Deploying Chrome devices in place of traditional computers reduces IT headaches and overall cost by streamlining support, centralizing management, and cutting out all the tedious re-imaging that comes with every school year.

# Grant Websites

**FastWeb**, <http://www.fastweb.com/>

The largest online scholarship search available, with 1.3 million scholarships representing over three billion in scholarship dollars. Provides students with accurate, regularly updated information on scholarships, grants, and financial aid suited to their goals and qualifications at no cost.

**Federal Grants Wire**, <http://www.federalgrantswire.com/federal-grants-wire-site-directory.html>

A unique way to help you search for federal grants, government grants and loans. It combines the top-levels of the subject area, applicant and agency searches into one convenient list.

**The Foundation Center**, <http://www.fdncenter.org/>

An independent nonprofit information clearinghouse on grants available throughout the United States with headquarters in New York, and additional libraries in Washington, DC, Atlanta, Cleveland, and San Francisco. The center offers databases, including directories of foundation and corporate grantmakers, research information and advice, custom research, and database searching. The Web site includes online training in grant-seeking, proposal writing, and funding research, as well as an online librarian.

**GetEdFunding**, <http://www.getedfunding.com/>

GetEdFunding is a curated collection of more than 750 active grants and awards, all selected through the prism of relevance to today's educational institutions.

**Google for Education Support**, <http://www.google.com/edu/teachers/support.html>

Additional information on the resources Google provides at no cost to teachers.

**Grants.gov**, <http://grants.gov/>

Allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from federal grant-making agencies, and encompasses over 1,000 grant programs offered by the twenty six Federal grant-making agencies. It streamlines the process of awarding some \$500 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits, and other organizations.

## Grants Alert, <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/all>

Provides teachers, administrators, counselors and related organizations with free access to up-to-date announcements of corporate, foundation, state and federal education funding opportunities.

## Grant Watch, <http://www.grantwatch.com/cat/36/technology+grants.html>

An aggregated grants funding website with current federal government, state, city, local, foundation, corporation, educational, and international grants.

## Grant Wrangler, <http://www.grantwrangler.com>

Grant Wrangler® is a free grant listing service offered by Nimble Press™. We make it easier for educators, school libraries, and parents to find school funding. We list grants for teachers, school grants, and money for arts, history, mathematics, science, technology, literacy, and more. We also help education foundations, community foundations, corporate foundations, and other grant-giving organizations more effectively promote their grants and awards to teachers and schools.

## Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, <http://www.hmhco.com/educators/educational-services/grants-funding/free-grant-database>

A free grant database that allows you to search for current available grants without the cost of an expensive subscription. We invite you to use it as much as possible to find the right funds for your school or organization. The database is maintained and updated continuously, so be sure to check back often for new opportunities.

## National Education Association, <http://www.nea.org/grants/grantsawardsandmore.html>

The nation's largest professional employee organization committed to advancing the cause of public education. This database is not technology-specific, but still provides a good repository.

## Online Teaching Community, <http://teaching.monster.com/benefits/articles/3069-corporate-grants-for-teachers>

Corporate grants for educators in coordination with Monster.com.

## SchoolGrants, <http://k12grants.org/>

A collection of resources and tips to help preK-12 educators apply for and obtain grants for a variety of projects. The site offers fundraising ideas, sample proposals, and grant writing tips.

## Technology Grant News, <http://technologygrantnews.com/technology-funding.html>

\$35 subscription for a year to receive updates on the latest ed-tech grants.

US Department of Education, <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>

Forecast of funding opportunities under the Department of Education discretionary grant programs for the fiscal year (and how to apply: <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html>)

## Individual Grants

### American Express

Corporate Social Responsibility efforts that focus on three program themes that reflect AmEx's funding priorities: Historic Preservation, Leadership and Community Service.

Apply: <http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/howto.aspx>

Deadline: Rolling

### Amgen Foundation Grant

Amgen's corporate giving initiatives are very diverse: research grants and fellowships; medical education grants; donations of cash, product and equipment; community involvement through corporate sponsorships; and cash donations and volunteerism by Amgen staff members. In addition, the Amgen Foundation gives grants and matches staff donations to eligible non-profits.

Apply: <http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/guidelines.html>

Deadline: Rolling

### Awesome Foundation

This foundation funds projects that bring communities together. Awesome ideas "spark an instant of joy and delight and inspire a long-term hope for a more awesome future." Some chapters also routinely contact applicants for interviews before awarding the fellowships. Anyone can apply.

Apply: <http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/faq>

### Barona Education Grant Program

The Barona Band of Mission Indians is proud to help make a difference for schools throughout California. Through the endorsement of your locally-elected state representatives, schools in your area can now apply for Barona educational funding to purchase much-needed supplies and materials such as books and computers.

Apply: <http://www.barona-nsn.gov/forms/BEGP-GrantFORM.pdf>

## Best Buy Community Grants

Through the Community Grants program, Best Buy teams across the United States select non-profit organizations that give teens access to opportunities through technology to help them excel in school and develop 21st century skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$2.8 million in Community Grants. Grant amounts will average \$4000-\$6000 and will not exceed \$10,000.

Apply: <https://www.bby.com/community-grants/>

## Computers for Learning

The CFL program represents an important contribution to EO 12999, which includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively, and encourage the use of innovative educational software.

Apply: <http://computersforlearning.gov/>

## Corning Incorporated Foundation

The Corning Incorporated Foundation's educational grants support community-service programs for students, curriculum enrichment, student scholarships, facility improvement, and instructional-technology projects for the classroom. The foundation directs resources primarily toward initiatives that improve the quality of life near Corning Inc. [locations](#) including selected K-12 school districts, community colleges, and four year institutions of higher learning. Currently, the foundation fulfills approximately 136 grants in education and other areas totaling some \$3 million.

Apply: <http://www.corningincfoundation.org/our%5Fprograms/grants/>

Deadline: Rolling

## Enhancing Education through Technology State Program

The primary goal of this program is to improve student achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools. Additional goals include helping all students become technologically literate by the end of the eighth grade and, through the integration of technology with both teacher training and curriculum development, establishing innovative, research-based instructional methods that can be widely implemented.

Apply: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/edtech/applicant.html>

Deadline: Rolling, awards announced annually on July 1

## ESA Foundation Grant Application

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth. The Foundation seeks to harness the collective power

of the interactive entertainment industry to create positive social impact in our communities. We support geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American boys and girls of all races and religions.

Apply: <http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

## Ezra Jack Keats

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation created a funding initiative called Minigrants, through which awards of \$500 are given to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. They also represent an opportunity for educators, whose efforts are often inadequately funded or recognized, to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students.

Apply: <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/>

## GenCorp Foundation Grant

The GenCorp Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in the communities where Aerojet and GenCorp employees live, work and volunteer. The GenCorp Foundation's primary focus is education, with emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education. It also supports health & social services, arts organizations and civic and environmental projects.

Apply: <http://www.gencorp.com/pages/gcfound.html>

Deadline: Funding cycles are in April, July and October

## Great Plains Communications' Grant Program

Great Plains Communications offers the Great Plains Communications' Grant Program as part of our 'Commitment to the Schools' program. A total of \$20,000 is awarded annually to schools in Great Plains Communications' telephone and cable television service areas. The maximum amount awarded to one school district is \$5,000. The grants are awarded in the spring for use the following school year. The grant program is intended to encourage exceptional and unique ideas that improve the educational process. The program provides resources to add challenging new units or projects to the curriculum.

Apply: <http://www.gpcom.com/grantapplication2>

## ING Unsung Heroes

Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students.

Apply: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

Deadline: April 30, annually

## Innovative Technology Education Fund

Innovation for ITEF is about change, supporting new approaches that are unique within a grantee's educational environment, having the vision to see things differently, and using that vision to change instructional practices for the educational benefit of students and educators.

Apply: <http://innovteched.com/grants-we-give/>

## Intel Community Grants

Intel Corporation is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the communities where the company has a major presence. We are involved through grants, donations, sponsorships, and other forms of philanthropy and giving. Schools and non-profit organizations seeking grant support are welcome to inquire about the potential for an Intel community grant. Please note, however, very limited funds are available for unsolicited grant requests since community grant decisions are usually made up to a year in advance. Priority is given to grants supporting education programs supporting the teaching and learning of science, mathematics, engineering and science.

Apply: <https://www.cybergrants.com/cybergrants/plsql/buttonbar.frame>

Deadline: Rolling

## Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Lowe's will donate up to \$5 million to public schools and public school parent teacher groups - at as many as 1,000 different public schools per school year.

Apply: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

## Solve for Tomorrow Contest

Samsung and its partners are asking teachers to participate in its contest which will address a key academic challenge in our country: to increase the pursuit of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. With Samsung and schools joining together, we're looking to foster interest in these subjects among students and illustrate the power of applying that knowledge to practical, real-world issues.

Apply: <http://pages.samsung.com/us/sft/apply.html>

## Target Foundation Grants

Throughout the year, our stores provide education grants to local K-12 schools to support educational field trips, early childhood reading programs and participation in the arts.

Apply: <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants>

## Toshiba American Foundation

K-5 grants for various technology-based learning projects.

Apply: [http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5\\_grants.jsp](http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_grants.jsp)

Deadline: October 1, annually

6-12 grants for various technology/mathematics/science learning projects.

Apply: [http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612\\_grants.jsp](http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612_grants.jsp)

Deadline: October 1, annually

## Vernier Technology Awards

Sponsored by National Science Teachers Association. This award recognizes the innovative use, or potential use, of data-collection technology (e.g. probes or sensors) interfacing with a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom. Seven awards will be presented in the following categories: one elementary (grades K-5) award; two middle level (grades 6-8) awards; three high school (grades 9-12) awards; and one college award.

Apply: <http://www.nsta.org/pdfs/awards/Vernier.pdf>

Deadline: November 30, annually

# Online Fundraising

ChipIn, <http://www.chipin.com/>

Create, promote, collect. Create a widget for your project (including project goal, how much money you need, and when you need it by), embed it on your website, and collect the money via paypal.

Crowd Tilt, <https://www.crowdtilt.com/>

Crowdtilt is changing the way we pool funds with friends. With the tilting feature, everyone becomes an advocate to make sure the total is reached in three easy steps!

1. Simply give a brief description, add a pic, and set the amount needed to tilt.
2. Send/Post/Tweet and instantly start building funds and excitement for the objective.
3. If the campaign tilts, the cards are charged, and you get the funds via direct deposit.

Department of Education (ideas on how to use funding for technology)

<http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/technology/files/2013/06/Federal-Funds-Tech-DC-.pdf>

DonorsChoose, <http://www.donorschoose.org/>

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on our site,

and you can give any amount to the project that most inspires you.

When a project reaches its funding goal, we ship the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project taking place, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive hand-written thank-yous from the students.

## E-Rate Funding, <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/Services.asp>

The program provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States (and U.S. territories) to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. It is one of four support programs funded through a Universal Service fee charged to companies that provide interstate and/or international telecommunications services.

Applicants must provide additional resources including end-user equipment (e.g., computers, telephones, etc.), software, professional development, and the other elements that are necessary to utilize the connectivity funded by the Schools and Libraries Program.

## IDEA, <http://idea.ed.gov/>

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation.

## Kickstarter, <http://www.kickstarter.com/>

Every project creator sets their project's funding goal and deadline. If people like the project, they can pledge money to make it happen. If the project succeeds in reaching its funding goal, all backers' credit cards are charged when time expires. If the project falls short, no one is charged. Funding on Kickstarter is all-or-nothing. Everything on Kickstarter must be a project. A project has a clear goal, like making an album, a book, or a work of art.

## Race to the Top Funding, <http://www.ed.gov/category/program/race-top-fund>

Awards in Race to the Top will go to States that are leading the way with ambitious yet achievable plans for implementing coherent, compelling, and comprehensive education reform. Race to the Top winners will help trail-blaze effective reforms and provide examples for States and local school districts throughout the country to follow as they too are hard at work on reforms that can transform our schools for decades to come. States should look to advance reforms around four specific areas:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy ([link](#))
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction ([link](#))
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially

- where they are needed most ([link](#))
- Turning around our lowest-achieving schools ([link](#))

Razoo, <http://www.razoo.com/>

Name your cause and begin fundraising. You can also do fund-matching if you've already received grant money.

## Alternative Options

### Digital Textbooks

A recent trend in education technology. As more students use their laptops and smartphones on a daily basis, digital textbooks are increasingly taking the place of costly and outdated printed textbooks. In doing so, funding originally allocated for textbooks can be redistributed to hardware purchases.

### Increased millage rates

Millage rates can be used by school boards to calculate local school taxes to be collected, based on a derivation of the total property value within school district boundaries. In recent years, some school districts, like the [Jefferson Board of Education](#), have voted increase their millage rates to collect higher taxes in order to increase funding.

### Reduced printing budget

Rather than printing out thousands of syllabi, homework assignments, permission slips, etc. each year, many schools have reduced their printing budget in favor of accessing/distributing information via the web. By taking advantage of free, web-based technologies (like Google Apps for Education), schools can reallocate funding towards more pressing needs.

## Grant Writing Links

- [Four Ways to Leverage Federal Funds for Ed-Tech](#)
- <http://www.dailywritingtips.com/grant-writing-tips/>
- <http://www.k12grants.org/tips.htm>
- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml)
- <http://www.teateachers.org/grant-writing-tips>
- <http://www.nea.org/home/10476.htm>

- <http://www.edutopia.org/webinar-august>