

THE
NORD
Family Foundation

**INFORMATION FOR
GRANTSEEKERS**

Nord Family Foundation
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www.nordff.org

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: Only on-line applications will be accepted. To complete the online application, go to the Foundation's website: www.nordff.org Select the "Grant Applications" button and then select the "On-Line Grant Application" link and follow the steps.

**Please be advised to complete the grant application process the following documents will still need to be provided by mail to the Foundation.

1. A cover letter signed by the organization's executive director and the board president.
2. A copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statements (audit, or 990 if audit is not included).
3. A copy of the organization's letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating tax-exempt status.
4. Consider including supplemental items such as: organization's annual report, newsletter, DVDs, videos and photographs.

DEADLINES

Grant applications must be completed on-line at www.nordff.org by 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 1 – for a June decision
August 1 – for an October decision
December 1 – for a February decision
If these dates fall on a Saturday or Sunday proposals will be accepted by 5:00 p.m. the following Monday.

**FOUNDATION STAFF &
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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The Foundation offices are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH APPLICATION

The staff of The Nord Family Foundation is available to discuss prospective proposal ideas, assist potential applicants during the preparation process, and answer questions. The Foundation also maintains a small library of reference materials, annual reports, periodicals, and proposal-writing tools available for use by not-for-profit organizations. The library is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays for the purpose of conducting research on funding sources and program ideas.

There are two libraries that also serve as local resources:

The Non-Profit Information Center
Elyria Public Library
1194 West River Road, North
Elyria, OH 44035
Phone: (440) 324-9825

Cleveland's Foundation Center Library
The Kent H. Smith Library
1422 Euclid Avenue, Suite 1356
Cleveland, OH 44115-2001
Phone: (216) 861-1933

Grant seekers are encouraged to use these resources when preparing an application.

GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

The Nord Family Foundation is interested in programs that strengthen families and programs that improve the public service. The Foundation awards grants in several geographic areas, but most are made to organizations within Lorain County, Ohio, or for projects which will have an impact there.

Grants are awarded in the fields of health and social services, education, arts and culture, and civic affairs. High priority is given to programs which address the needs of economically or socially disadvantaged families. Projects which attack root causes of problems are also of special interest.

Grants which specifically address the Foundation's mission and themes are also made in Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Denver, Colorado; Columbia, South Carolina; Boston, Massachusetts; and very selectively to national organizations that address the Foundation's highest priorities. In general, the Foundation's grants are not awarded in support of:

- debt reduction;
- research projects;
- tickets or advertising for fundraising activities;
- individuals.

Grants are occasionally made for capital purposes when specific criteria are met.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Nord Family Foundation is a successor to a charitable trust established in 1952 by the entrepreneur and industrialist W.G. Nord. Mr. Nord and his family believed that it was both responsible and prudent for a business to invest in the community it served, and formed a private foundation to be consistent in that investment even as the business reflected the cyclical nature of its capital-goods output. The U.S. Automatic (and later Nordson) Foundation contributed more than \$55 million to a wide variety of charitable causes between 1953 and 1988, primarily in Lorain County, Ohio. Walter Nord's widow left the bulk of her estate to the Foundation, which consisted largely of stock in Nordson Corporation.

MISSION

The Nord Family Foundation, in the tradition of its founders, Walter and Virginia Nord, strives to build community through support of projects that bring opportunity to the disadvantaged, strengthen the bond of families and improve the quality of people's lives.