

THE NORD FAMILY FOUNDATION

INFORMATION FOR GRANTSEEKERS

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 by, 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.

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.

The Nord Family Foundation's primary geographic area of interest is Lorain County, Ohio. The majority of grants are made to organizations within Lorain County, or for projects that will have an impact there. Grants are also made to organizations in other communities where Nord family members reside. 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.

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

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

HOW TO APPLY

****PLEASE NOTE: Only online applications will be accepted.**

Please go to the Foundation's website: www.nordff.org Select the Grant Applications Button. Then select On-Line Application and follow the steps.

The following items may be mailed to the Foundation:

1. A cover letter signed by the organization's executive director and the board president.
2. 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.