

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2008

Foundation Name	Foundation State	Total Dollars Awarded	No. of Grants
1 The T. Boone Pickens Foundation	TX	\$164,860,000	4
2 J. A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, Inc.	ID	97,000,000	4
3 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	68,957,102	22
4 The Ave Maria Foundation	MI	63,513,708	4
5 Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	58,345,793	44
6 Hall Family Foundation	MO	55,068,977	13
7 The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	50,296,300	93
8 Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	37,618,800	85
9 The Batten Foundation	VA	35,000,000	1
10 The Donald B. Stabler Foundation	PA	34,617,923	1
11 The Duke Endowment	NC	31,828,700	10
12 Tosa Foundation	CA	30,949,657	7
13 Bernard Osher Foundation	CA	30,666,524	130
14 The Anschutz Foundation	CO	29,500,264	12
15 Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. Foundation	CA	27,749,000	3
16 Durham Foundation	NE	27,645,000	8
17 The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	NE	27,314,037	60
18 Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	MO	21,501,473	172
19 Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation	CA	17,001,323	132
20 Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	16,889,816	32
21 Foundation for the Carolinas	NC	16,298,787	98
22 The Shoreland Foundation	NY	13,611,460	3
23 The Priem Family Foundation	CA	13,061,000	2
24 Patrick G. & Shirley W. Ryan Foundation	IL	12,719,973	1
25 The Kresge Foundation	MI	12,595,676	18
26 The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	NC	12,405,702	161
27 Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	MI	12,201,665	33
28 The Ford Foundation	NY	12,171,854	53
29 Wal-Mart Foundation	AR	11,569,500	14
30 The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc.	OK	11,411,190	13
31 The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation, Inc.	NC	11,181,597	169
32 The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	11,111,250	26
33 The Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation	MI	11,093,624	14
34 BP Foundation, Inc.	IL	10,898,964	52
35 S & G Foundation, Inc.	WY	10,574,158	14
36 The Columbus Foundation and Affiliated Organizations	OH	10,542,516	95
37 Robert A. Day Foundation	CA	10,406,227	3
38 Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation	MN	10,040,000	42
39 A. P. Kirby, Jr. Foundation, Inc.	NJ	10,035,000	2
40 Hedco Foundation	CA	10,000,000	1
41 C. D. Spangler Foundation, Inc.	NC	9,929,000	19
42 The Simons Foundation	NY	9,363,879	49
43 The New York Community Trust	NY	8,838,937	168
44 Hutchins Family Foundation, Inc.	NY	8,550,000	2

45 Robert H. Smith Family Foundation	VA	8,543,705	12
46 The Terry Foundation	TX	8,499,850	6
47 The Roberts Foundation	CA	8,410,000	2
48 Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	8,399,901	34
49 Caterpillar Foundation	IL	8,215,990	77
50 AT&T Foundation	TX	7,863,574	20
Total		\$1,246,869,376	2,040

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. The search set includes all grants to recipient organizations classified in this topic area and grants to other recipient types for activities classified in this topic area. Grants may therefore be included in more than one topic table, e.g., a grant to a university for its arts program is included in Education, Higher Education, and Arts.

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