

## RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH APPLICATIONS

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  
Phone: (216) 861-1933

Grantseekers are encouraged to use these resources when preparing an application.

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# 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 \$19 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.

## DEADLINES

Grant applications must reach the Foundation no later than 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

## GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

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

Grants are awarded in the fields of health and social services, education, the arts and culture, and civic affairs. High priority is given to programs which address the needs of economically or socially disadvantage 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; and Columbia, South Carolina; 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 project;
- tickets or advertising for fundraising activities;
- individuals.

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

## HOW TO APPLY

There is no application form. Only one copy of a proposal is required. It should contain at a minimum:

1. A cover letter signed by the organization's executive director or board president.
2. A one-page abstract of the proposal.
3. A detailed description of the proposed project, including:
  - background information on the problem to be addressed or need to be served;
  - a clear statement of the project's goals and objectives;
  - a description of the process to be used in evaluating the project's effectiveness and impact; and
  - organizational budget and project budget
4. A copy of the organization's letter from the Internal Revenue Services indicating tax-exempt status.
5. A list of the organization's governing board.
6. A copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statements or 990 tax return