

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 1998*

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	\$207,733,482	171
2. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	124,821,353	205
3. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	110,027,750	189
4. The Ford Foundation	NY	92,020,606	466
5. The Danforth Foundation	MO	91,903,790	13
6. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	81,498,485	214
7. The Whitaker Foundation	VA	71,872,539	125
8. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	64,004,165	239
9. The Pew Charitable Trusts	PA	60,360,000	60
10. The Starr Foundation	NY	38,761,000	90
11. The Duke Endowment	NC	36,766,078	61
12. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	35,221,016	117
13. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	31,198,316	30
14. The Chicago Community Trust and Affiliates	IL	26,712,298	20
15. The Spencer Foundation	IL	26,386,324	201
16. Burroughs Wellcome Fund	NC	25,676,191	110
17. The Kresge Foundation	MI	22,696,666	43
18. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	22,423,230	12
19. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	21,342,793	98
20. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	20,825,500	33
21. Meadows Foundation, Inc.	TX	20,225,550	11
22. The Brown Foundation, Inc.	TX	19,174,920	28
23. Lied Foundation Trust	NV	18,566,092	5
24. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	18,393,000	108
25. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	18,252,477	295
26. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	17,891,355	87
27. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	17,526,106	13
28. Pritzker Foundation	IL	16,925,000	18
29. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	15,779,910	175
30. The Freeman Foundation	NY	15,237,572	46
31. The San Francisco Foundation	CA	13,664,496	44
32. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	12,532,580	28
33. Beatrice P. Delany Charitable Trust	NY	11,800,000	36
34. Andersen Foundation	MN	11,575,000	48
35. Arline & Thomas J. Bannan Foundation	CA	11,100,000	5
36. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	10,656,661	28
37. F. W. Olin Foundation, Inc.	NY	10,557,500	11
38. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	10,095,000	30
39. John M. Olin Foundation, Inc.	NY	9,994,603	89
40. The George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation	UT	9,721,004	44
41. The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc.	OK	9,548,426	12
42. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	8,705,000	33
43. The Whitehead Foundation	NY	8,586,375	9
44. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	8,535,700	32
45. DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, Inc.	NY	8,296,838	22
46. GE Fund	CT	7,970,031	119
47. Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation	NY	7,570,000	37
48. Park Foundation, Inc.	NY	7,562,487	38
49. The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc.	NY	7,514,483	7
50. Conrad N. Hilton Foundation	NV	7,410,540	18
Total		\$1,583,620,288	3,973

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on a national sample of 1,009 U.S. larger private and community foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving), grants of \$10,000 or more. 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.

Note: Higher Education grants are also included in the Education table.