

Top 50 U.S. Foundations Awarding Grants for Higher Education, circa 2004*

Foundation Name	State	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	\$250,463,969	81
2. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	117,346,031	49
3. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	88,622,900	256
4. The Ford Foundation	NY	80,912,290	393
5. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	67,719,423	204
6. The Starr Foundation	NY	61,159,500	82
7. Donald W. Reynolds Foundation	NV	44,266,490	14
8. The Duke Endowment	NC	43,203,126	55
9. The Freeman Foundation	NY	41,904,178	170
10. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	37,119,000	77
11. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	36,078,708	66
12. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	33,525,865	110
13. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	33,143,900	109
14. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	32,405,346	75
15. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	31,404,267	212
16. The New York Community Trust	NY	30,680,481	299
17. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	30,471,400	87
18. The Ave Maria Foundation	MI	28,880,789	6
19. Jurodin Fund, Inc.	CT	26,000,000	1
20. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	25,687,879	132
21. Ford Motor Company Fund	MI	23,597,049	117
22. Wallace H. Coulter Foundation	FL	23,522,854	6
23. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	23,110,000	37
24. The Kresge Foundation	MI	21,725,920	25
25. The Robert A. Welch Foundation	TX	20,842,500	166
26. John & Cynthia Reed Foundation	NY	20,804,683	7
27. The Annenberg Foundation	PA	20,669,592	42
28. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA	18,108,113	15
29. Peninsula Community Foundation	CA	16,877,567	122
30. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	16,502,290	29
31. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	MO	15,193,503	189
32. Northwest Area Foundation	MN	14,300,587	15
33. SBC Foundation	TX	13,825,586	117
34. The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.	NY	13,430,510	53
35. The Annie E. Casey Foundation	MD	13,119,064	114
36. The Goizueta Foundation	GA	12,834,351	8
37. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	NC	12,666,193	108
38. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	12,603,500	41
39. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	12,545,236	15
40. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	12,256,000	29
41. Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	MO	12,214,517	63
42. The California Endowment	CA	11,961,195	46
43. Verizon Foundation	NY	11,814,800	254
44. Andersen Foundation	MN	11,525,000	47
45. Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust	TX	11,320,000	1
46. Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation, Inc.	WI	11,115,374	8
47. The Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands	PA	11,100,000	2
48. The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation, Inc.	OK	10,800,000	9
49. The Picower Foundation	FL	10,745,000	5
50. Bernard Osher Foundation	CA	10,708,778	29
Total		\$1,592,835,304	4,197

Source: The Foundation Center.

*Based on grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,172 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving and the top ten foundations in each state). 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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