



# EDUVENTURES

Academic Leadership  
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Custom Inquiry  
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*Custom Inquiry – Opportunities for Grant Funding after Title III*  
*Johnson State College*

## Background and Objective

With its Title III grant slated to expire in September 2010, Johnson State College (JSC) is interested in exploring alternative sources for grant funding. Specifically, JSC seeks funding opportunities to continue and expand its existing grant-supported activities focused on experiential learning, service learning, student success, and diversity.

*The key questions this report seeks to address include the following:*

- What are potential sources for higher education grant funding that support initiatives related to diversity, student success, service learning, and/or experiential learning?
- What activities and/or initiatives do organizations support through grant funding?

## Methodology

To address JSC's main objectives, Academic Leadership Learning Collaborative (AL-LC) staff members conducted a thorough search of secondary literature, including the Foundation Center database. In addition, staff members reviewed Vermont college and university Web sites to identify potential local and regional funding opportunities.

## Findings

*The foundations listed below are dedicated to supporting higher education initiatives primarily in Vermont. Each foundation was identified through the Vermont Directory of Foundations.*

### **The Morris and Bessie Altman Foundation**

P.O. Box 458  
Shelborne, VT 05482  
(802) 985-9943  
Contact: Peter Stern, Director

Established in 1989 in Vermont, the Morris and Bessie Altman Foundation is interested in supporting initiatives related to the arts, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and human services by providing general operating support. In 2007, a total of \$165,350 funded 58 grants. A formal written proposal is required for consideration.

**Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Foundation**

33 Coffee Lane

P.O. Box 607

Waterbury, VT 05676-8900

(802) 882-2337

Contact: Michael Dupee, Administrator

<http://www.greenmountaincoffeefoundation.org>

Established in 2000 in Vermont, the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, secondary and higher education, and community and economic development by offering general operating support. In 2006, a total of \$457,842 funded 10 grants. For application information, please contact the foundation directly.

**Merchants Bank Foundation, Inc.**

275 Kennedy Drive

South Burlington, VT 05403

(802) 658-3400

Contact: Joanne P. Drouin, Treasurer

Established in 1967 in Vermont, the Merchants Bank Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations involved with higher education, health care, hunger, and human services by providing general operating and continuing support, program and curriculum development, and building and renovation projects. In 2006, a total of \$192,015 funded 123 grants. A formal application, which can be obtained from any Merchants Bank location, is required for consideration.

**Carl Gary Taylor Foundation for Children, Inc.**

P.O. Box 785

Newport, VT 05855-0785

*Application Address:*

c/o Carl Taylor

1329 VT Rte. 11

Derby, VT 05829

Established in 1999 in Vermont, the Carl Gary Taylor Foundation for Children provides general operating support for organizations involved with elementary, secondary, and higher education, youth development, and human services. In 2006, a total of \$203,155 funded 14 grants. An initial letter of request is required for consideration.

**Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation, Inc.**

c/o Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP

P.O. Box 51400

Boston, MA 02205

(617) 439-2000

Contact: Alane H. Wallis

<http://www.techmission.org/hosting/filene/index.htm>

Incorporated in 1937 in Massachusetts, the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation is dedicated to providing support for civic education, human development and self-sufficiency, music and performing arts education, citizenship, and public education through program development. In 2006, a total of \$982,646 funded grants largely committed to long-term support of existing projects. For application information, please visit the foundation's Web site.

**The New England Colleges Fund, Inc.**

315 Turnpike Street, Box A31

North Andover, MA 01845-5806

(978) 837-5150

Established in 1953, the New England Colleges Fund supports select colleges and universities in the New England area. In 2005, a total of \$35,100 funded grants and \$34,492 funded foundation-administered programs. An initial letter of request is required for consideration.

**The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

c/o Donation Requests

1 Patriot Place

Foxboro, MA 02035-1388

<http://www.patriots.com/charitable>

Established in 1994 in Massachusetts, the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation supports programs designed to foster education, health, family services, cultural diversity, and youth by offering general operating and continuing support, equipment, and program development. In 2006, a total of \$1,999,168 funded grants given to organizations throughout the New England area. A formal proposal printed on organization letterhead is required for consideration.

**The O'Herron Family Foundation**

c/o Lazard, LLC

30 Rockefeller Plaza

New York, NY 10020-2102

Contact: Jonathan O'Herron, President

Established in 1984 in New York, the O'Herron Family Foundation is dedicated to supporting higher and other education, health organizations, human services, and Roman Catholic churches through general operating support and capital campaigns. In 2007, a total of \$223,200 funded grants for organizations located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. An initial letter of request is required for consideration.

**Price Chopper's Golub Foundation**

501 Duaneburg Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306-1058  
(518) 356-9450

*Application Address:*

P.O. Box 1074  
Schenectady, NY 12301

[http://www.pricechopper.com/GolubFoundation/GolubFoundation\\_S.las](http://www.pricechopper.com/GolubFoundation/GolubFoundation_S.las)

Established in 1981 in New York, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation provides support to organizations involved with arts and culture, higher and other education, youth development, and human services through general operating and continuing support, program development, and building and renovation projects. In 2007, a total of \$831,231 funded grants for organizations throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. A formal proposal and letter of request printed on organization letterhead is required for consideration.

**The Windham Foundation, Inc.**

P.O. Box 70  
Grafton, VT 05146-0070  
(802) 843-2211

Contact: Dr. A. John Bramley, CEO and President

<http://www.windham-foundation.org>

Incorporated in 1963 in Vermont, the Windham Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations that "enhance the unique qualities of Vermont's small-town life," "support its natural and working landscape," "sustain Vermont's social, cultural, and natural resources," and "preserve Vermont's history and traditions while enhancing day-to-day community life." The foundation also has an interest in innovative programs and continuing proven academic programs that could be replicated in other Vermont locations. In 2007, a total of \$59,550 funded 26 grants and \$2,043,185 funded 3 foundation-administered programs. For application information, please visit the foundation's Web site.

*The foundations listed below are dedicated to supporting higher education initiatives nationwide.*

**The Spencer Foundation**  
625 North Michigan Avenue  
Suite 1600  
Chicago, IL 60611  
<http://www.spencer.org>

Established in 1962, the Spencer Foundation is committed to supporting high quality research investigations of education practices with the ultimate goal of improving education. Research grants are provided for projects related to four main areas of inquiry:

- Relation between education and social opportunity
- Organizational learning in schools, school systems, and higher education institutions
- Teaching, learning, and instructional resources
- Purposes and values of education

In addition to these defined areas, the Spencer Foundation provides grant support for two larger strategic initiatives:

- Civic Learning and Civic Action
- Philosophy in Educational Policy and Practice

For application information, please visit the foundation's Web site.

**Learn and Serve America**  
1201 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20525  
(202) 606-3472  
[http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher\\_education.asp](http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_education.asp)

Created under the National and Community Service Act of 1990, Learn and Serve America is dedicated to supporting campus-based service learning programs that directly benefit both the community and the individuals who serve. Grant funding supports training, course development, curricular and co-curricular service by students, and activities designed to strengthen colleges' ability to support student service. Individual institution grants are awarded to the most innovative and replicable programs. For additional information and application details, please visit the Learn and Serve America Web site.

## Resources

Foundation Center. November 18, 2008. <http://foundationcenter.org/>

*The Vermont Directory of Foundations.* The Vermont Community Foundation and The Foundation Center, 2008.