



# The Mockingbird Foundation Grant

## Grants to USA Nonprofits and Schools for Music Education Programs for Children

**GrantWatch ID#:** 181377

**Agency Type:** Foundation / Corporation

**Funding Source:** The Mockingbird Foundation

**Deadline:** 04/15/21 11:59 PM

**LOI Date:** 01/15/21

**Conf. Date:** 00/00/00

**Description:** Grants of up to \$10,000 to USA nonprofit organizations and schools for programs that provide music education to children and youth. Applicants must submit a letter of inquiry prior to applying. Particular interest is given to programs serving disenfranchised groups, including those with disabilities or terminal illnesses; low-skilled, low-income, and low-education populations; and those in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations.

### Full Description:

The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. ("Mockingbird") offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations that effect improvements in areas of importance to the Phish fan community. Its programmatic focus is music education for children, defined as follows:

**Music:** The Foundation recognizes broad and basic needs within conventional instruction, though is particularly interested in projects that foster creative expression (whether in instrumentation, vocalization, composition, or improvisation) and encourage applications associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms, and philosophies.

**Education:** Education may include the provision of instruments, texts, office materials, or equipment; the support of learning, practice, and performance spaces; and the provision of instructors or instruction. The Foundation appreciates the fostering of self-esteem and free expression but has never funded music therapy separate from education nor music appreciation which does not include participation.

**Children:** The Foundation primarily funds programs serving children eighteen years of age or younger, but will consider projects which benefit college students, teachers, instructors, or adult students.

**Estimated Size of Grant:** Grants range in size from \$100 to \$10,000.

**Term of Contract:** Grants are made on a one-time basis, are non-renewable, and non-transferable.

### Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

### Additional Eligibility Criteria:

Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, or which have a sponsoring agency with this status, or which are government entities, such as a

public elementary school. (Public schools are tax-exempt and thus eligible for funding, although school-based grantees cannot be independent of the school, must take place at the school, and must be supervised by the applicable municipality.)

Organizations selected to submit a full proposal will be required to submit documentation of their status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt institution, a sponsored institution, or a public school.

It is expected that nonprofit organizations who apply for support are operated and organized without discrimination in hiring staff or providing services on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.

Grants to individuals or to fund research, fundraising organizations or events, programs that promote or engage in religious or political doctrine, or organizations outside the United States are not normally considered.

**Pre-Application Information:** Inquiries for Round 26 are now open.

Timeline for annual grants:

Inquiry deadline: 1.15 each year

Proposals invited: 3.15 each year

Proposals deadline: 4.15 each year

Funding announcement: 6.15 each year

Full proposals are by invitation only and will not be considered if unsolicited.

Those interested in funding should complete the Initial Inquiry Form, to provide organizational details and some brief narrative elements. No inquiries submitted via any other channel, including postal mail, will be considered.

Due to the large volume of inquiries anticipated, no updates on the status of an inquiry, nor on other aspects of the funding process, prior to the invitation of full proposals will be available.

Grants information: <http://mbird.org/grants>

Grantmaking schedule: <https://mbird.org/2020/03/new-funding-schedules-announced/>

**Contact Information:** Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Initial Inquiry Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/round26inquiries>

Questions may be sent to Ellis Godard, Executive Director at [ellis@mbird.org](mailto:ellis@mbird.org).

**URL for Full Text (RFP):** <https://mbird.org/grants/apply/>

### **Geographic Focus:**

**USA:** Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Arkansas; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New Mexico; New York City; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington, DC; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming;

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