

Funding Source Search and Analysis

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1. Office of Postsecondary Education: Student Support Services (SSS) Program

- **Address:** 1990 K Street, NW., Room 7000 Washington, DC 20006-8510
- **Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=ED-GRANTS-102209-001>
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2009-10-28/pdf/E9-25971.pdf>
- **Organization Type:** U.S. Department of Education: Federal
- **Specific funding opportunity:** “The purpose of the SSS Program is to increase the number of disadvantaged low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities in the United States who successfully completed a program of study at the postsecondary level.”
- **Eligible Applicants:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, and institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions of higher education.
- **Available RFP (Request for Proposals):** N/A
- **Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Timeline Approval for Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Anticipated Funding Period:** Fiscal year (FY) 2010
- **Average Award Amount:** \$268,905,822
- **Contact Person:** Deborah Walsh
 - Phone: (202)502-7600
 - Email: TRIO@ed.gov

- **Letters of Inquiry Requirement:** N/A
- **Applicable Deadlines:** December 14, 2009
- **Budget Limitations:** N/A
- **Matching/In-Kind Requirements:** Yes
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** N/A
- **Other Documented Required:** “Applications for grants under this program must be submitted electronically using the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) accessible through the Department's e-Grants site.”
- **Analysis:**

The organization is eligible through disadvantaged low-income college students, first-generation college students, and college students with disabilities in America. This organization's strength seems to be that it is a great option for all students in need, but students might need to reapply every fiscal year and they might not get accepted for every application. This organization may also only benefit students and no grants would go to the institutions themselves. Another weakness of this organization is for the application to be submitted electronically since some students might not have internet access or know how to submit their documents virtually. Overall, this organization is good for low-income students in need of a computer, but not a good option for the institutions themselves to use for the computer upgrades for the institutions.

2. **Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)**

- **Address:** 1990 K Street NW., Room 7095, Washington, DC 20006-8524

- **Website:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=ED-GRANTS-060414-001>
- **Link to Additional Information:** <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2014-06-04/pdf/2014-12980.pdf>
- **Organization Type:** U.S. Department of Education: Federal
- **Specific funding opportunity:** “The GEAR UP Program is a discretionary grant program that provides funding for academic and related support services to eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities, to help them obtain a secondary school diploma and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Services must include providing financial aid information, encouraging enrollment in challenging coursework to reduce the need for remediation at the postsecondary level and implementing activities to improve the number of students who obtain a high school diploma and complete applications for and enroll in a program of postsecondary education. GEAR UP funds may also be used to provide several additional support services such as mentoring, tutoring, academic and career counseling, and exposure to college campuses.”
- **Eligible Applicants:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education. “Partnerships consisting of (A) one or more local educational agencies (LEA), and (B) one or more degree-granting institutions of higher education (IHE). Partnerships may also contain not less than two other community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional organizations, state agencies, institutions, or agencies sponsoring programs authorized under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program authorized in part A, subpart 4, of

title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), or other public or private agencies or organizations. Note: The fiscal agent/applicant must be either an IHE or an LEA.”

- **Available RFP (Request for Proposals):** N/A
- **Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Timeline Approval for Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Anticipated Funding Period:** N/A
- **Average Award Amount:** \$37,762,760
- **Contact Person:** Nofertary Fofana
 - Phone: (202) 502-7533
 - Email: nofertary.fofana@ed.gov
- **Letters of Inquiry Requirement:** N/A
- **Applicable Deadlines:** July 7, 2014
- **Budget Limitations:** N/A
- **Matching/In-Kind Requirements:** Yes
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** N/A
- **Other Documented Required:** “Applications for grants under the GEAR UP Partnership Grant Competition, CFDA number 84.334A, must be submitted electronically using the Governmentwide Grants.gov.”
- **Analysis:**

The organization is eligible to apply through low-income students who would struggle to afford to go to college. The strengths of this organization are the many opportunities it provides for low-income students and students with disabilities with

many options to providing financial aid information, encouraging enrollment in challenging coursework. This funding may also help prevent those students from several additional support services they might have to pay for; including mentoring, tutoring, academic and career counseling, and exposure to college campuses. However, the weaknesses that this organization may have would be limitations of which students are eligible by limiting to only low-income students and students with disabilities.

The grant program could also partner up with the institutions the students enroll in, however, the grants program seems to also limit the partnership eligibility by stating that partnerships “may also contain not less than two other community organizations or entities, such as businesses, professional organizations, state agencies, institutions or agencies.” Another weakness of this organization is for the application to be submitted electronically since some students might not have internet access or know how to submit their documents virtually. Overall, this organization will be perfect for students who are struggling to pay for their tuition, struggling to complete a course because of a disability, or struggling to graduate because they cannot have access to required sources to complete their coursework.

3. Office of Student Financial Assistance: Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

- **Address:** State Scholarship and Grant Programs: 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1314, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400
- **Website:** <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/factsheets/FSAG.pdf>
- **Organization Type:** Florida Department of Education: State Government
- **Specific funding opportunity:** “The Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) Program is a need-based grant program available to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate

students who demonstrate substantial financial need and are enrolled in participating postsecondary institutions.”

- **Eligible Applicants:** “Students must be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Students cannot owe a repayment or be in default under any earned grants, loans, or scholarships unless satisfactory arrangements to repay have been made. Students cannot have previously received a baccalaureate degree. Students must enroll for a minimum of 6 credit hours per term, or the equivalent in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a state university or Florida college (public community college) to participate in the FSAG Public program. Students must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours per term, or the equivalent, in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at an eligible institution to participate in the FSAG Private or FSAG Postsecondary programs.”
- **Available RFP (Request for Proposals):** N/A
- **Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Timeline Approval for Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Anticipated Funding Period:** Per Term
- **Average Award Amount:** The annual award amount may vary each academic year. The minimum annual award amount is \$200. The maximum award amount is set by the Legislature in the General Appropriation Act each year.
- **Contact Person:** Office of Student Financial Assistance (Unknown Contact Person)
 - Phone: (888) 827-2004
 - Email: osfa@fldoe.org
- **Letters of Inquiry Requirement:** N/A

- **Applicable Deadlines:** “A student must demonstrate financial need by completing an error-free FAFSA each academic year by the deadline specified by the institution”
- **Budget Limitations:** N/A
- **Matching/In-Kind Requirements:** N/A
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** N/A
- **Other Documented Required:** “Eligibility for renewal is determined at the end of the second semester or third quarter of each academic year. Credit hours earned during the previous summer can be counted toward the total number of credit hours required. To be eligible for renewal the following year after probation, the student must have earned the required credits and an institutional cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.”
- **Analysis:**

The grant program for degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students. The strength of this organization seems to be a perfect grant program for undergraduate students. However, applicants that are eligible to apply for this organization must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizen students and they must also reside in Florida, which could limit students from other states from applying. Another weakness of this organization is the eligibility for a renewal of the grants program, and renewal would be at the end of the second semester of each academic year. There is also a GPA requirement to be eligible, which means that students with low grades or those failing their courses would not be eligible. The last weakness would be the grant only being available for students, therefore, the institutions are not able to apply for this grant program. Overall, the grant program has a lot of requirements, which could be hard for a student who needs grants but might not be accepted for this organization because of a variety of reasons.

4. **Charles Koch Foundation: Technology & Innovation Research Grants**

- **Address:** 1320 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201
- **Website:** <https://www.charleskochfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/requests-for-proposals/technology-innovation/>
- **Organization Type:** Non-profit organization and a private foundation
- **Specific funding opportunity:** “The Charles Koch Foundation seeks to support research on technology and innovation. Applied research that helps bridge the divide between theory and practice is particularly welcome. They invite scholars and policy experts to submit proposals for work that sheds light on the various effects of technological progress (policy, cultural, or otherwise) and explores the concept of permissionless innovation. Proposals for projects in law, economics, history, political science, and philosophy are encouraged. Projects in computer science, engineering, and the hard sciences will also be considered.”
- **Eligible Applicants:** “A one-to-two-page abstract of the project on behalf of your university, college, think tank, or other 501(c)(3) organization. The abstract should provide sufficient detail for reviewers to assess the nature and feasibility of the idea. A CV or résumé, a brief itemized budget, and final projects should be original and meet the highest standards of their field and it must not have been previously published.”
- **Available RFP (Request for Proposals):** N/A
- **Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Timeline Approval for Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Anticipated Funding Period:** N/A

- **Average Award Amount:** “Funding levels are commensurate with the requirements of the research and the potential for the research to advance an understanding of critical issues. Accepted proposals may also receive support to disseminate the research findings.”
- **Contact Person:** Charles Koch Foundation (Unknown Contact Person)
 - Phone: (703) 875-1770
 - Email: grants@charleskochfoundation.org
- **Letters of Inquiry Requirement:** N/A
- **Applicable Deadlines:** N/A
- **Budget Limitations:** N/A
- **Matching/In-Kind Requirements:** N/A
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** Unspecified other non-profit organizations
- **Other Documented Required:** N/A
- **Analysis:**

The organization is eligible to apply for this grant program as the program helps to support research on technology and innovation for the institution. The strength of this grant program is that it can provide the organization with applied research that helps bridge the divide between theory and practice is also welcome for them. This support would be great for the organization in terms of applying research to upgrade the library computer that would be affordable for the department as well as giving students, especially those in the lower class, access to work on their assignments through the institution’s computers. Technology is always expanding, therefore, more technology research with this grant program would be very beneficial for the organization. However, this grant program doesn’t provide enough

information about how they help assist their applicants nor does the grant program helps the students along with the institution, which is why it is ranked lower.

5. **Charles Koch Foundation: Postsecondary Education Grants**

- **Address:** 1320 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201
- **Website:** <https://www.charleskochfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/requests-for-proposals/post-secondary-education-grants/#grant-description>
- **Organization Type:** Non-profit organization and a private foundation
- **Specific funding opportunity:** “The Charles Koch Foundation is committed to supporting projects that remove barriers to education that can unlock the potential of all learners.”
- **Eligible Applicants:** College students with a “one-to-five-page abstract of the project on behalf of your university, college, think tank, company, or 501(c)(3) organization. The abstract should provide sufficient detail for reviewers to assess the nature and feasibility of the idea.” A brief itemized budget is also needed along with “final projects should be original and meet the highest standards of their field and must not have been previously published.”
- **Available RFP (Request for Proposals):** N/A
- **Acceptance of Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Timeline Approval for Unsolicited Proposals:** N/A
- **Anticipated Funding Period:** N/A
- **Average Award Amount:** “Funding levels are commensurate with the requirements and potential impact of the project. Proposals will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis.”

- **Contact Person:** Charles Koch Foundation (Unknown Contact Person)
 - Phone: (703) 875-1770
 - Email: grants@charleskochfoundation.org
- **Letters of Inquiry Requirement:** N/A
- **Applicable Deadlines:** N/A
- **Budget Limitations:** N/A
- **Matching/In-Kind Requirements:** N/A
- **Multi-Agency Collaboration:** Unspecified other non-profit organizations
- **Other Documented Required:** N/A
- **Analysis:**

The organization is eligible to apply for this grant program for college students by supporting projects that remove barriers to education, which could help the students in completing their assignments without a lack of computer barriers. However, this grant program doesn't provide enough information about how they help assist their applicants, therefore, the grant program did not seem to be the best option for the organization. The grant program also does not seem to help the institutions along with the students, so the institution would not be able to upgrade their computers in the library with this grant program, which is why it is ranked lower.

Ranking Order:

1. Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs:
 - A good option for low-income students and can partner with the institutions.
2. Student Support Services Program:
 - A good option for low-income students only.

3. Florida Student Assistance Grant Program:

- Might not accept every student in need and no benefit for the institutions.

4. Postsecondary Education Grants:

- Not enough information. Would've been a good option for students and institutions.

5. Technology & Innovation Research Grants:

- Not enough information. Would've been a good option for the institutions only.