

FUNDRAISE, FORM A 501(C)3, & GRANT RESOURCES

Fundraise

Effective NAF advisory boards ensure the stability of the academy by providing financial resources through annual fundraising events and solicitations that support academy activities such as student scholarships and internship expenses. As various local, federal or corporate entities can contribute funds, please be sure to check out the compilation of *grant resources* here.

Form Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organizations

Some advisory boards may run into challenges as they try to fund academy programs and activities due to the financial regulations of the academy, school, or district they serve. These barriers lead some advisory boards to consider developing a separate [non-profit 501\(c\)3 organization](#).

There are positive and negative aspects of creating these entities. For example, while a non-profit may provide easier access to funds, it also entails complex legal, tax, and auditing responsibilities. NAF encourages local advisory boards to carefully weigh the costs and benefits of these important decisions.

The following links include some helpful information on this process.

- [Candid](#) (Candid.org, the combination of Foundation Center and GuideStar)
- [File for Tax Exemption](#)
- [Establishing a Non-Profit Organization](#)
- [How to Start, Form, and File a Nonprofit Organization](#)

Funding & Grant Resources

Please find below a list of websites to research for possible grant opportunities. You may ask your fundraising committee or even an advisory board intern to do the initial investigative work.

Use the [Grant Proposal Language](#) as you draft your specific proposal or email appeals.

Remember to support any grant proposals using NAF data and information, such as:

- [NAF Statistics, Research, Impact](#)
- NAF Academy Themes
 - [Academy of Finance](#)
 - [Academy of Hospitality and Tourism](#)
 - [Academy of Information Technology](#)
 - [Academy of Engineering](#)
 - [Academy of Health Sciences](#)
- Your District Summary Reports through the [NAF Academy Support Hub](#)

ADVISORY BOARD

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Foundation Center's Philanthropy News Digest: <http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/>

Philanthropy News Digest publishes RFPs and notices of awards as a free service for grant-making organizations and nonprofits.

Inside Philanthropy: <https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/>

Inside Philanthropy provides news on major philanthropy and its trends, and presents profiles of big donors in particular categories such as donors from the technology industry, donors from the financial industry, and supporters of major education and healthcare initiatives.

Points of Light Civic 50: <https://www.pointsoflight.org/the-civic-50-honorees/>

Meet the companies that use their time, skills, and resources to improve our communities.

100 Companies with the Best CSR Reputation: <https://youmatter.world/en/top-100-companies-best-csr-reputation2019-28108/>

Global CR RepTrak 100 is a global survey that rates multinational companies while accounting for their corporate social responsibility (CSR) reputation. During January and February 2019, the study collected the opinion of 230,000 people from the general public across the 15 biggest economies.

Top 100 CSR Influence Leaders: <https://www.assentcompliance.com/corporate-social-responsibility/top-100/>

A Top 100 Corporate Social Responsibility Influence Leader embodies CSR, and uses their influence to help others establish or improve their CSR programs. Their efforts contribute to more ethical global supply chains, helping individuals and companies make a positive difference.

STEMfinity: <https://www.stemfinity.com/STEM-Education-Grants>

Searchable resources, content, and funding opportunities for STEM programs, including local state search.

Funds Net Services: <http://www.fundsnetsservices.com/>

Since 1996 Fundsnet Services has provided resources information about grants, fundraising, philanthropy, foundations, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations to those in need of funding and research for their philanthropic efforts and missions. Note that several categories may be applicable – Education, Computers and Technology, others.

My Grant Wrangler: <http://www.grantwrangler.com/>

My Grant Wrangler is an online community for individuals seeking grants within the K-12 sector. The source provides a free weekly listing of grants for teachers.

School Grants: <https://www.k12grants.info/>

K 12 Grants provides a listing of opportunities available to public and private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools and districts across the United States. The .info Websites tab on the site provides additional grant opportunities.

STEM Grants: <http://www.stemgrants.com>

STEMgrants.com highlights new STEM grant opportunities from federal agencies, state governments, foundations, and corporations. It also identifies recent STEM grant winners, features news related to STEM funding trends, provides updates on STEM initiatives and events, and offers insights on developing proposals in response to funding opportunities.

Grant Watch: <https://www.grantwatch.com/>

Offers search capabilities for federal, state, local, foundation, and corporation grants available as well as resources to assist in writing grants.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy: <http://www.philanthropy.com/>

The Chronicle of Philanthropy is one of the nation's leading publications for grant seekers. The site also offers a number of other resources that are helpful to non-profits.

The Grantsmanship Center: www.tgci.com

The Grantsmanship Center offers a multitude of private and public funding resources by state on its website. It also features trainings, publications, and other grant resources.