

United States Steel Foundation Inc.

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GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

About United States Steel Corporation...

United States Steel Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, is an integrated steel producer with major production operations in the United States, Canada and Central Europe and an annual raw steelmaking capability of 31.7 million net tons. The company manufactures a wide range of value-added steel sheet and tubular products for the automotive, appliance, container, industrial machinery, construction, and oil and gas industries. U. S. Steel's integrated steel facilities include Gary Works, which is made up of Gary Works in Gary, Ind., East Chicago Tin in East Chicago, Ind., and the Midwest Plant in Portage, Ind.; Great Lakes Works in Ecorse and River Rouge, Mich.; Mon Valley Works, which includes the Edgar Thomson Plant and the Irvin Plant near Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Fairless Plant near Philadelphia, Pa.; Granite City Works in Granite City, Ill.; Fairfield Works in Fairfield, Ala.; Lake Erie Works in Nanticoke, Ontario, and Hamilton Works in Hamilton, Ontario, both of which make up U. S. Steel Canada; U. S. Steel Košice in the Slovak Republic; and U. S. Steel Serbia in the Republic of Serbia. U. S. Steel is also involved in several steel finishing joint ventures in the United States, Brazil, Canada and Mexico. The company's U. S. Steel Tubular Products, Inc. subsidiary has tubular operations in Bellville, Lone Star, Houston and Hughes Springs, Texas; Tulsa, Okla.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Birmingham, Ala.; Lorain, Ohio; and Monterrey, Mexico. U. S. Steel produces coke at Mon Valley Works' Clairton Plant near Pittsburgh as well as at Gary Works, Granite City Works, Lake Erie Works, Hamilton Works, and U. S. Steel Košice. The company operates two iron mines through its Minnesota Ore Operations on the Mesabi Iron Range in northern Minnesota: one in Mt. Iron (Minntac) and one in Keewatin (Keetac). Both mine an iron-bearing rock called taconite and process it into concentrated iron ore pellets, which are converted to liquid iron in the company's blast furnaces. U. S. Steel is also involved in railroad and barge transportation services through its Transtar, Inc. subsidiary and real estate operations through its USS Real Estate division.

For more information about U. S. Steel, visit our website at www.ussteel.com.

About the United States Steel Foundation...

United States Steel Foundation, a nonprofit membership corporation, was founded in Delaware in 1953 to provide support in a planned and balanced manner for educational, scientific, charitable, civic, cultural and health needs on behalf of United States Steel Corporation. Since 1953, the Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$250 million to educational institutions and charitable, cultural and civic organizations throughout the United States. United States Steel Corporation is the sole donor to the Foundation.

Program Description

U. S. Steel Foundation provides support to qualified organizations on behalf of United States Steel Corporation.

Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations whose programs operate within the United States, primarily in the major domestic employing locations of U. S. Steel.

Grants are awarded in three programs: Education; Safety, Health and Human Services; and Public, Cultural and Scientific Affairs.

Education. The Education program focuses primarily on higher education through direct grants to colleges and universities for operating, capital and scholarship needs. Preference is given to institutions that have strong programs in engineering, science and business. United States Steel Foundation educational grants are designed to encourage and reward academic excellence and further demonstrate U. S. Steel's commitment to the education of a diverse population of students and the academic institutions that serve them. The Education program also includes scholarship programs for sons and daughters of U. S. Steel employees and a matching gift program for colleges and universities.

Grants generally are not awarded for precollegiate programs unless U. S. Steel employees are directly involved in the programs.

Safety, Health and Human Services. This program generally focuses on areas for safe and healthy communities, such as: Violence & Injury Prevention; Health Education & Promotion and First Responder Training.

The Safety, Health and Human Services program includes support of United Ways and a limited number of direct capital and operating grants to health and human service providers in U. S. Steel's operating areas.

Operating support is not granted to organizations that receive operating funds from the United Way; however, requests for capital grants will be considered.

Public, Cultural and Scientific Affairs. Public Affairs includes support for public policy, legal, business and community organizations. Support generally is directed to organizations that focus on issues relating to the business interests of U. S. Steel.

Cultural Affairs includes capital and operating support for major performing arts organizations and cultural institutions that enhance the quality of life in U. S. Steel communities.

Scientific Affairs includes support for science and environmental organizations whose programs relate to the business interests of U. S. Steel.

The Foundation does not award grants to:

- individuals for personal needs or scholarships (except sons and daughters scholarship program)
- religious organizations for religious purposes
- organizations whose programs operate outside the United States
- organizations that have not been certified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or that do not have tax-exempt state instrumentality status
- hospitals
- nursing homes
- grantmaking foundations

The Foundation does not award grants for:

- precollegiate education
- individual research projects
- economic development
- conferences, seminars or symposia
- travel
- sponsorship of special events
- sponsorship of fund-raising events
- publication of papers, books or magazines
- production of films, videotapes or other audio-visual materials
- operating needs of organizations that receive operating funds from United Ways
- multiple purpose grant proposals

Program Schedule

The Foundation operates on a fiscal year from December 1-November 30. The Foundation Trustees meet three times during the year - in April, July and October. One program is reviewed at each meeting as outlined below:

	<i>Board Review</i>	<i>Proposal Deadline</i>
<i>Public, Cultural, and Scientific Affairs</i>	<i>late April</i>	<i>January 15</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>late July</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Safety, Health and Human Services</i>	<i>late October</i>	<i>July 15</i>

Proposals that are submitted out of program sequence generally are held for review at the appropriate meeting.

Organizations seeking ongoing support must submit a full proposal each year.

Application Procedure

Applicants must submit:

- A concise letter describing the organization's mission and need.
- A completed grant application including a fully completed Grant Application Certificate signed by an officer or authorized representative of the organization. A copy of this Certificate is attached to these Guidelines.

In addition, all proposals must include the following supporting documents:

- A copy of the organization's Internal Revenue Service certification of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or certification of tax-exempt state instrumentality status.
- A brief history or profile of the organization.
- A full description of the organization's need and projected outcomes.
- For *capital* needs, the campaign goal or total cost of the specific capital need.
- For *operating* needs, the operating budget for the period for which funding is requested.
- A statement of total committed funds (funds in hand) with the names of contributors (including corporate) and amount of support.
- A statement of total anticipated support with names of prospective contributors (including corporate) that have been or will be solicited and the amounts requested.
- A copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statements.
- A list of the organization's chief executives and members of the Board of Directors/Trustees and their affiliations.
- The signature of an authorized executive of the tax-exempt organization.
- A signed statement of approval by the chief executive of the parent organization if the request originates in a subdivision of such entity.
- A signed statement of approval by the corporate relations or development officer of a college or university if the request originates in a department or subdivision. **Note:** USSF generally considers one request per college each year. Therefore, select the one purpose that best meets your fundraising plans.

Inquiries and proposals should be directed to:

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After submission, if you do not hear from us, your proposal does not meet the strategic interests of the United States Steel Foundation Inc.

Note: Tips on how to complete a proposal are available through Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania at their web site: www.gwpa.org.