



The Edith Glick Shoolman
Children's Foundation

The Foundation was created by Edith Glick Shoolman (1904-2003) whose dream was to make a difference in the lives of children.

To fulfill this vision during her lifetime, Mrs. Shoolman, in partnership with her husband Eliot, supported a wide range of educational, recreational, environmental, Jewish and health initiatives. The Foundation, which was funded upon Mrs. Shoolman's death, is dedicated to giving continued life to the philanthropic vision of the Shoolmans. Toward this end, the Foundation will support programs which the Trustees believe will foster the development of children with the intellectual, social and emotional skills necessary to achieve their full potential and become competent, happy and productive adults.

Focus

A child's destiny is shaped by his or her early childhood experiences. In an ideal world every child, regardless of economic or social status, would enter school prepared to learn and to take full advantage of available opportunities. Unfortunately, a lack of appropriate enrichment in the early years is not easily remedied and the Trustees have observed first hand that not every family has the resources to make this a reality. That is why the Foundation's resources are devoted primarily to programs which provide support for young children and are designed to equip young children with the skills and other attributes that they will need to be able to learn effectively.

Since the Trustees believe that reading is the foundation of learning and that children must be healthy and emotionally fit in order to learn effectively, the Foundation focuses primarily on supporting programs that encourage early childhood literacy and well being. Within these areas the Foundation looks for programs which promote empathy and ethical behavior, motivate children to explore the world around them, and provide support to parents, caregivers and teachers.

The Foundation will consider supporting organizations and programs that provide opportunities for children from birth through the early elementary school years in the New York City metropolitan area and southeastern Massachusetts.

Details

The Foundation will not consider unsolicited requests for funding for programs other than those that are directed at improving the literacy and emotional well being of children from birth through the early elementary school years. The Foundation's grant making activities are concentrated in the New York City metropolitan area and southeastern Massachusetts, as described on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page.

The Foundation does not provide grants

- to endowments or annual appeals;
- for pure medical research;
- for capital improvements other than in connection with the implementation of a specific program being supported;
- to individuals;
- to support events or outings.

Grants will be made only to qualified tax exempt organizations.

The Foundation will not consider a request for a multi-year grant from an applicant that has not previously been funded by the Foundation. After review of a grantee's written report regarding a supported program, the Foundation may consider a request for additional funding. Normally a multiple year grant will be limited to three consecutive years.

An organization which has received funding for three consecutive years must refrain for a period of two years from submitting an unsolicited request for new funding.

From time to time the Foundation may choose to make grants that do not meet the Foundation's usual criteria for consideration. Such grants will be made at the sole discretion of the Trustees and need not be subject to the Foundation's standard application procedure.

How To Apply

Process

The Foundation uses a two-step, on-line application procedure. All requests for funding must be submitted to the Foundation electronically using the on-line system.

The first step in the application process is the creation of a user account and the submission of a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) form. If the Trustees believe the LOI describes a program that meets the Foundation's criteria, the applicant will be asked to complete the second step by submitting an on-line Application. Applicants who submit a complete LOI will be informed of the Foundation's decision, whether or not a complete Application is requested.

Using the link below, the process begins with the creation of a user account. Once an account has been established, you may sign in with your User ID and password. Creation of the user account requires contact information for the person establishing the account. This is the person to whom all correspondence will be addressed. You will also be asked to provide contact information for your organization's executive director or chief operating officer

The LOI will ask, among other things, for the following information:

- a description of the program for which funding is requested;
- whether the program is aligned with the Foundation's interest in early childhood literacy or the emotional well being of children. Please review the Focus Section of this web-site for more details;
- the primary audience the program will serve;
- the location where the program will be delivered;
- the amount you are requesting from the Foundation;
- the total program budget.

You will also be asked to provide a copy of your most recent IRS Form 990. If your organization is not required to complete a Form 990 (e.g., public library, religious institution) space is provided for an explanation. Please save and name the Form 990 using the convention of organization initials_type of document.file type. For example, ABC_990.pdf. If the Form 990 is not already in electronic form and must be converted from a paper copy, after logging in please refer to the *Fax To File* link within the LOI.

If you have additional documents, such as formal evaluations of the program, curricula, lesson plans, DVDs or news articles which support your request, please note that these will ONLY be Specific questions relating to the content of LOI questions may be submitted electronically directly to the Foundation using the form found on the Contact Us page of the Foundation web-site.

You may direct questions about any technical issues (e.g., a file won't upload) related to the online process to [onlinehelp @ shoolman.org](mailto:onlinehelp@shoolman.org).

If funds are awarded, the recipient will be required to sign a letter agreeing to the terms of the grant and submit a final report at the completion of the grant period. Any renewal requests will be considered only if a final report is received in a timely manner. For multi-year grants, receipt of a future installment will depend upon review and determination by the Foundation that the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement are being met by the grantee.

Please note that the Foundation can only fund a fraction of the requests that are received. In many cases, excellent proposals will not be funded. A denial of funding is not necessarily a reflection on the program or proposal, but a result of the enormous needs of children in our society and a limit to the resources available to respond to such needs. Additional information regarding timing and deadlines may be found below under Timeframe.

The Trustees encourage you to review closely the Focus and Details pages of this website to insure an appropriate application.

To log-in and begin the application process, [click here](#).

Timeframe

Letters Of Inquiry (LOI) will be accepted at any time. If the Foundation decides the request for funding is appropriate for further consideration, the applicant will be provided with access to the on-line application.

Supporting materials may be requested by the Foundation. In most cases, a site visit will be scheduled to discuss the project and to meet key members of the applicant's organization.

If the LOI is accepted, it can take up to another 2-3 months for consideration of a completed application. Award checks are normally issued in the early summer and late fall. Please keep these timeframes in mind when applying for funding.

The Trustees, at their discretion, may defer consideration of a grant request to a future date.

The Trustees of the Foundation are Deborah B. Breznay and Henry L. Berman, who also manage its operations. General questions about the Foundation may be sent electronically using the form below. Additionally they may be addressed to the Foundation Post Office Boxes. Any written communications **MUST** be sent to both addresses.

The Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation
P.O. Box 20763 Cherokee Station New York, NY 10021-0075

The Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation
311 Village Green North, Suite C3
Plymouth, MA 02360

Please note that the Post Office does not accept deliveries from overnight carriers such as Federal Express and UPS.

What areas of children’s programming do you support?

The Foundation supports programs which encourage early childhood literacy and well emotional being.

I have a children’s program which is neither literacy or well being related. May I still apply?

Unsolicited requests for funds in areas other than children's literacy or emotional well being are not accepted.

I was funded in the past, but my program is in an area other than literacy or well being. May I apply?

The interests of the Foundation have changed over time. Unsolicited requests in areas other than literacy and emotional well being will not be accepted, even from prior grant recipients.

How old are “children”?

The Foundation’s main focus is on children from birth through early elementary school (grade three), or approximately nine years of age.

Does the Foundation support capital campaigns?

The Foundation does not provide funds for capital improvements other than in connection with the implementation of a specific program being supported.

Does the Foundation make multi-year grants?

The Foundation will not consider a request for a multi-year grant from an applicant who has not previously been funded by the Foundation.

Does the Foundation provide funding for individual scholarships for children?

The Foundation does not make grant to individuals nor strictly for scholarship programs. Grants are made only to qualifying tax exempt organizations.

What size grants does the Foundation make?

The Foundation does not have a standard dollar amount for grants.

How do I submit an Application?

The first step in the application process is the submission of an on-line Letter of Inquiry (LOI). If the Trustees have an interest in the program being discussed, you will be asked to complete a complete on-line Application. Further information can be found on the How To Apply page.

Must I use the on-line application? Can't I submit a paper copy?

The Foundation only accepts on-line applications. Should this provide an extreme hardship, please Contact Us.

I want to submit a DVD, CD, brochure or other materials with my Letter of Inquiry. How do I do that?

The Trustees do not accept supplementary materials with initial Letters of Inquiry.

I'm having technical problems using the on-line process, e.g. - my file won't upload. How do I get help?

Questions regarding use of the on-line system should be sent via email to onlinehelp at shoolman.org

When can I submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI)?

LOIs are accepted at anytime.

If our Letter of Inquiry (LOI) is turned down, how soon may we apply again?

Organizations should wait a minimum of 24 months before reapplying.

What areas do you consider to be Southeastern Massachusetts?

Letters of Intent (LOI) consistent with the Foundation's stated interests for programs located in the following Massachusetts counties will be considered: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, and Plymouth. Programs located in communities in Norfolk County near Brockton will also be considered.

My organization is not located in metropolitan New York or Southeastern Massachusetts. Are we still eligible for a grant?

The Foundation's grant-making activities are concentrated in the New York metropolitan area and Southeastern Massachusetts. Organizations which do not serve those areas and which have not specifically been requested by the Trustees to apply for funding should not expect favorable action on their applications.

If I have a question may I contact the Foundation prior to submitting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI)?

Certainly. Please see the Contact Us page.