



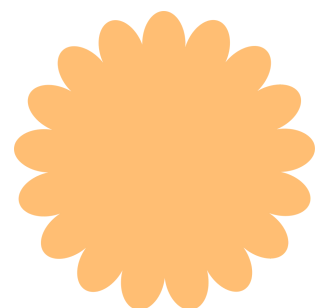
## ABOUT THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION

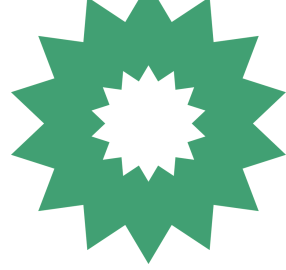
The Ann Bancroft Foundation supports girls and gender-expansive youth in Minnesota to live their dreams and imagine something bigger through grants, mentorship, and ongoing development opportunities. The Ann Bancroft Foundation envisions a world in which all who identify as a girl have a chance to live their dream and reach their full potential.

## THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION GRANT

The Ann Bancroft Foundation Grant program is a seed-grant up to \$1,000 for girls and gender-expansive youth in Minnesota, including cisgender girls, transgender girls, nonbinary youth, and those whose experiences align with our mission of fostering confidence and opportunity to close gender equity gaps. Grant activities include art, cultural, leadership, STEM, outdoor adventure, travel, and sports/athletics activities or experiences.

Grant applications are accepted twice a year in the fall and spring, with spring applications due April 1 and fall applications due October 1.





## SPREAD THE WORD!

The Ann Bancroft Foundation relies on community members to share about the grant programs with students and families they work with. The following pages include grant flyers that can be posted on school or community bulletin boards, and templates for sharing on social media or organization newsletters.

If you need additional resources or have other ideas for outreach, please email [grants@annbancroftfoundation.org](mailto:grants@annbancroftfoundation.org) or call 612-338-5752.

### **Sample social media post caption:**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation Spring 2026 grant cycle is open! Girls and gender-expansive youth across Minnesota have a chance to receive funding to chase their dreams, gain confidence, and discover their place in the world.

Know a girl with a passion or goal? Encourage them to apply by April 1! Learn more and apply:  
<https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org/programs/grant-programs>  
(Link here or Link in bio)!

### **Sample newsletter description:**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation Spring 2026 grant cycle is open! Girls and gender-expansive youth across Minnesota are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to pursue their dream by completing an activity or experience. Grants are available for arts, cultural, leadership, outdoors, STEM, travel, and sports/athletics opportunities. Tell us your bold dream and how the chosen activity or experience will help you pursue that dream!

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# BIG DREAMS

start here

2026  
Spring  
Grant

Opens: Feb. 1  
Closes: April 1



# DREAM BOLD.

We're Cheering  
You On.



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2026 Spring Grant | Apply Feb. 1-April 1



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GRANTS UP TO \$1000 FOR MINNESOTA GIRLS AND  
GENDER EXPANSIVE YOUTH TO PURSUE THEIR  
DREAMS

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<https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org>

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Deadline is April 1st

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Scan here to learn more about  
the grant today





# APPLY FOR THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION GRANT

**Application open: February 1st**  
**Deadline: April 1st**

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- A Minnesota resident
- In grades K-12 during the 2025-2026 school year
- You have a dream activity to complete in one calendar year
- Have not previously received a grant from the Ann Bancroft Foundation

**Questions?** Email: [grants@annbancroftfoundation.org](mailto:grants@annbancroftfoundation.org)



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## MENTORSHIP

At the Ann Bancroft Foundation, the mentor is an integral part of the grant experience. Before applying for a grant, the applicant must self-identify a mentor who will help them navigate the application process, support them through the grant activity, and be a resource as they continue in the future. The mentor is the advocate in the application process – their contribution is factored into the grant selection process. The mentor may be a teacher, coach, family friend, youth group leader, or other positive adult role model. The mentor cannot be a family member or employee of the activity provider.

## STEPS TO FINDING A MENTOR

1. Make a list of adults you know and trust. Your mentor could be your teacher, coach, school counselor, neighbor, family friend, or community member.
2. Think about who can support your goals, whose advice you trust, someone you can talk with openly and honestly, and is knowledgeable enough to advocate for you.
3. Decide which person would be the best to ask from your list.
4. Have a conversation with your mentor about your dreams, goals, and plans with the grant. Your mentor will then be able to advocate for you on your application.



**Have questions about finding the right mentor for you? Read the mentor guide [here!](#)**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q: How do I complete a grant application?**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation Grant application is all online in the WizeHive portal where users can save and exit their application at any time.

If an applicant does not have Internet access, please contact the ABF office at the information below to make other arrangements.

## **Q: Who is an activity provider? What if I don't have an activity provider?**

The activity provider is a group, organization, or individual that plans or facilitates activities to help improve quality of life and well-being. Examples of activity providers include art classes, outdoor programs, sports teams, or community organizations.

If you aren't sure who the activity provider is, please contact the Ann Bancroft Foundation office at the information below.

## **Q: Are there any restrictions for grant funding?**

The grant activity must be completed within one calendar year of the award. If the activity falls outside of the range, the applicant is encouraged to apply for a future grant cycle when their activity is in one calendar year.

The Ann Bancroft Foundation does not provide funding for college tuition after graduating from high school, operational expenses for 501c3 nonprofit organizations, or re-grant requests.

## **Q: How and when will I be notified of a grant award?**

All submitted grant applications will be reviewed after the posted deadline. Grant decisions take up to eight weeks after the deadline. Grant notifications will be sent via email to applicants, parents, and mentors.

## **Q: When are grant checks sent to an activity provider?**

After awards are sent out, grant recipients must provide an invoice to the Ann Bancroft Foundation to receive their funds. Grant payment can take up to 30 days, so please keep this in mind if your activity provider has a specific payment deadline. Grant checks are mailed directly to the activity provider's mailing address on the invoice.

## **Don't see your question answered here?**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation is here to help in the application process! Please reach out via email to [grants@annbancroftfoundation.org](mailto:grants@annbancroftfoundation.org) or call 612-338-5752.