

GRANT GUIDELINES

The Playboy Foundation was established in 1965 "to pursue, perpetuate and protect the principles of freedom and democracy." The Playboy Foundation seeks to foster social change by confining its grants and other support to projects of national impact and scope involved in:

- fostering open communication about, and research into, human sexuality, reproductive health and rights;
- protecting and fostering civil rights and civil liberties in the United States for all people, including women, people affected and impacted by HIV/AIDS, gays and lesbians, racial minorities, the poor and the disadvantaged;
- and eliminating censorship and protecting freedom of expression.

The Foundation accepts grant proposals throughout the year. The Board of Directors generally meets in the fall to consider proposals. Grants range from \$5000-\$10,000. We are especially interested in projects where a small grant can make a difference.

Requests for funds should include the following information:

- Description of the organization, including a summary of its background, purpose, objectives and experience in the area for which funds are sought.
- Audited financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year, as well as an itemized project budget and proposed funding sources; amount of funds requested, their proposed use and over what time period.
- Names and qualifications of people involved with the project.
- Organizational expenses and income for previous, current and coming fiscal year.
- List of board members, their titles, outside affiliations and phone numbers.
- Internal Revenue Service verification that the organization is not a private foundation and is exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Service sections 509(a) and 501(c)3. A copy of the IRS tax-exempt letter must accompany the proposal.

Grant Limitations

The Playboy Foundation will not consider funding conferences or symposia, religious programs, individual needs, capital campaigns, endowments, scholarships or fellowships; nor social services, including residential care, clinics, treatment or recreation programs; national health, welfare, educational or cultural organizations, or their state or local affiliates; nor government agencies or projects.

Proposals should be addressed to the Executive Director at 680 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.

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