Grants & Scholarship Opportunites

Clink **HERE** for The Portland Foundation Grant Application.

Applying for Grants

The Portland Foundation encourages requests from any new or existing charitable organization or community agency in Jay County. Grant proposals must have direct relevance to Jay County charitable needs.

Areas the Foundation wants to support are:

- Start-up costs for new programs
- One-time projects or needs
- Capital needs beyond an applicant organization's capabilities and means

Generally, the Foundation does not support:

- Individuals, other than scholarships
- Religious or sectarian purposes
- Make-up of operating deficits, post-event or after-the-fact situations
- Endowment campaigns
- Propaganda, political or otherwise, attempting to influence legislation or intervene in any political affairs or campaigns.

Requests are reviewed and voted on twice a year. Deadline dates are typically in January and June and are announced in the local media.

Applying for Scholarships

Click **HERE** for The Portland Foundation General Scholarship application.

Students from across Jay County are given the opportunity to learn at an institution of higher education through scholarship funds established at The Portland Foundation by generous donors. Applications for Jay County High School seniors are due annually in February. The Foundation also offers a limited number of scholarships to current college students. Applications for summer scholarships are due each July.

Distribution Totals

With total assets exceeding $50.76 million, the Foundation awards grants and scholarships annually, and has distributed over $19 million since 1951. Contributions made to the Jay County community include:

Category	2021 Grants	1951-2021 Cumulative Grants
Scholarships	$378,999	$7,264,426
Arts & Culture	$62,485	$3,404,519
Community Development	$58,500	$3,584,387

Education	$86,277	$1,849,871
Health & Human Services	$171,130	$1,821,905
Youth	$38,600	$1,428,932
Totals	**$795,991**	**$19,354,040**