

# List of Grant-Writing Resources

Applying for grants can often seem like a daunting process, especially if you have not done it before. There are many resources available to help both new and seasoned grant applicants improve their applications and better understand the granting process.

The following is a list of online courses, recorded webinars, and web links that you may find useful during your application process. If you have found a useful tool that you do not see listed here, please let us know about it so we can add it to this list.

*Please note that some of this information (specifically the Gale Courses) comes from American sources and may reflect American standards.*

## Grant-Writing Gale Courses

*Gale Courses are 6-week, instructor-led online courses that are FREE to Shortgrass Library System library cardholders.*

### [A-Z Grant Writing](#)

In this A to Z Grant Writing class, you'll learn how to put together a Gold Medal Proposal Package—one that will capture the attention, and the funds, of donors.

This informative course will equip you with the skills and tools you need to enter this exciting and fulfilling field. No matter who you are or what level of experience you have, you can be a successful grant writer. You'll find the A to Z of writing and submitting successful proposals right here. This is one of the best online grant writing courses around, whether you're already involved in a related position or are looking to take your first step into this rewarding career.

### [A to Z Grant Writing II - Beyond the Basics](#)

You will learn how to create a fundraising plan for all types of grantmakers. In addition, you will explore websites for finding and reviewing corporate, foundation, and government grant funding opportunities and grant application guidelines.

You will go through every aspect of strategic funding research, preparing a fundraising plan, writing an award-winning plan of operation, and creating a project budget without red flags. Then you will journey into the world of grants available for your projects. The excitement will build when you discover just how many funding opportunities are available.

You will see grants for arts and humanities, education, medical, science and agriculture, human services, and corporate foundation grants. You will also explore new grant-writing trends and

what to do when you're notified of a grant award or a grant rejection. Don't worry, there's a plan to implement for future grant seeking success if you don't get your project funded.

By the end of the course, you will be prepared to continue tracking future grant-writing and funding trends, bounce back successfully from rejection notices, and manage all of your grant awards proficiently. In addition, you will gain confidence in all areas of grant seeking, grant writing, and grants management (post-award reporting requirements).

### **Get Grants!**

In this course, you will learn how to develop successful, grant-fundable proposals.

Whether you're interested in writing grant proposals as a career or in obtaining funding for your organization, this course will give you the grant-writing skills you need to outshine your competition. Highly recommended for development professionals, educators, nonprofit agency staff members or volunteers, and anyone else involved in fundraising for a large or small organization.

### **Advanced Grant Proposal Writing**

In this course, an experienced grant writer will show you how to research and write winning proposals that get funded. You will become proficient in the proposal format use by the vast majority of public foundations. Learn what to do and what not to do on your cover sheet, narrative, background page, and your stakeholder and third-party evaluation plan. Discover the quickest and most efficient ways to gather the information you will need to develop your proposal's attachments, including information on your organization's structure, administration, and finances. Gain a full understanding of the criteria funders use to determine whether your grant proposal gets funded or rejected.

Before this course is over, you will have discovered a number of significant finishing touches that can give your project the edge over others. You will learn about the importance of obtaining community and political support before submitting a proposal to any government agency.

### **Writing Effective Grant Proposals**

Preparing successful grant proposals to receive funding from corporations or foundations requires careful research, meticulous preparation, and graceful writing. Grant administrators will often say that many grant requestors have a limited understanding of the proposal writing process, and as a result their worthy causes lose out.

If you learn how to avoid the errors that lead to the rejection of your proposal, you will be better prepared to help the causes you most admire. This course will walk you through all of the essential steps--including an important discussion of what you must do when the grant arrives.

In this course, you will learn how to become fully familiar with the institution or project for which you are requesting support. You will get valuable guidance in preparing a background statement

and a brief financial statement to support your request. You will also research some charitable foundation and corporate giving sources.

Then, you will learn how to put everything together, so you can assemble, write, and submit complete grant proposals to foundations, corporations, and wealthy individuals for any number of your pet projects.