2023-2024 GRANT PROGRAM

The **PANERA BREAD FOUNDATION** envisions a world in which young people can unlock their full potential and dare to dream — a world in which opportunity and economic mobility are accessible and equitable for all.

Through our program, we award grant funding to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations who invest in underserved and at-risk children and youth to become leaders in their communities. We fund programs focused on providing opportunities for youth to grow as leaders and gain access to education and career advancement.

Learn how to apply and review the program requirements below.

GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Apply Online: https://panerafoundation.versaic.com/login

Application Opens: Friday, September 15, 2023

Application Closes: Friday, October 13, 2023 at 11:59pm PST

Grant Funding Options: $25,000; $50,000; $75,000; $100,000; $125,000; $150,000

Funding Distribution: Awarded organizations will receive a check via postal mail early 2024

GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization & for at least 12 months.
- Rated on Charity Navigator or GuideStar.
- Program site is located within 25 miles of a USA Panera Bread bakery-cafe.

PROGRAM BENEFICIARY

- Underserved or at-risk children and youth (ages 10-18).
- Children and youth who are historically underrepresented in our communities, including Black, Latinx, and Indigenous peoples.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS SUPPORTED

- College and Career Readiness
- Leadership and Workforce Development
- Mentorship
- Skills Building

NOT ELIGIBLE

- Schools, religious organizations or affiliates, municipalities, individuals.
- Political organizations, lobbying or campaigns.
- One-time events, fundraising events, food or product donations.
- Unlawful or discriminatory practices.