

Education & Philanthropy

Education institutions play a critical role in helping individuals, communities, and societies reach their potential. But when communities receive inadequate school funding, resource gaps can further perpetuate existing racial and wealth inequalities. Often, these under-resourced schools face additional challenges in preparing students for post-secondary education and for future employment opportunities.



EDUCATION ECOSYSTEM OVERVIEW



Schools & universities



Government agencies



Teacher preparation programs



Nonprofits and NGOs



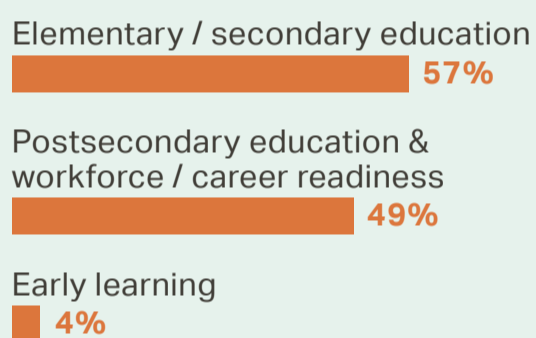
Corporations, foundations, & individual donors

PHILANTHROPY TRENDS

Education is consistently one of the largest giving categories in the United States.

In 2020, U.S.-based donors gave more than \$71 billion to education, which represented 15% of all giving and was surpassed only by charitable giving to religion.

According to a [benchmarking study by Grantmakers for Education](#), here's how grant dollars were spent in 2018:

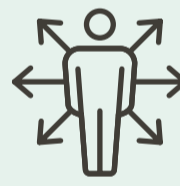


HOW FUNDERS ARE ENGAGING WITH THE EDUCATION SECTOR



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The [Lumina Fund for Racial Justice and Equity](#) advances equity and justice, with a focus on higher education in the United States.



Social & Emotional Learning, Mental Health & Well-being

[Social and Emotional Learning \(SEL For Teachers\)](#) works toward high-quality SEL practices through education, technical assistance, and networks.



Career Development, Training & Mental Health Resources for Educators

The [LIGHT Awards](#) offers multi-year grants to teams of teachers to engage in professional learning opportunities.



Global Education

The [International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity](#) engages world leaders, policymakers, and researchers to promote investment in quality education for all.



Addressing Student Debt

[Achieving Success in Postsecondary Education](#) surveyed student debt in the United States and highlighted trends in postsecondary education funding.

HOW TO GET STARTED



Engage with member organizations and peer-learning networks involved in education.



Reflect on personal experiences in education to discover education issues, causes, and organizations that resonate most.



Read about issues in education, talk with other funders, and connect with individuals already working in the education space.