

How do I fund an Arabic Program at my school?

The following are possible sources of funding for schools, teachers, and students of Arabic. QFI makes no guarantee about the accuracy or completeness of the listed opportunities; interested parties should contact the organizations directly.

Funding opportunities for schools

- *QFI School Grants*

QFI provides limited support to schools in the U.S. to establish or expand in-school Arabic language and culture programs in K-12 public and public charter schools.

<http://qfi.org/grants/schools-and-institution-opportunities/grants-to-schools/>
- *STARTALK*

The National Foreign Language Center invites proposals from schools, postsecondary institutions, school districts, state and regional educational agencies, language associations, and community-based organizations to participate in the STARTALK project. STARTALK offers students (K-16) and teachers of these languages creative and engaging summer learning experiences. Schools, districts, and universities can apply to host and facilitate a STARTALK-funded summer learning program.

<https://startalk.umd.edu/public/>
- *Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP)*

Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) is designed to increase the study and acquisition of important world languages in U.S. schools by bringing Egyptian teachers to the U.S. to teach their native language and culture for an academic year. Additionally, U.S. schools have the potential to form partnerships with Egyptian schools and classrooms. TCLP offers both fully- and partially-sponsored partnerships with schools.

<http://tclprogram.org/>
- *ACTFL Melba D. Woodruff Award*

The ACTFL Melba D. Woodruff Award for Exemplary Elementary Foreign Language Program recognizes outstanding elementary schools with foreign language programs for students K-6. To be eligible, a program must be at least 5 years old, take place during the school day, and be open to all students. The winner will receive \$500 to use toward the program.

<http://www.actfl.org/about-the-american-council-the-teaching-foreign-languages/awards/other-awards/the-actfl-melba-d>



General funding opportunities for schools

- *Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation*

Schools (including Charter, Public, Public charter, and Homeschools) serving residents of Memphis, Miami, or New York City may apply for the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation, which provides grants to charitable organizations to benefit education. Grants have mainly been focused on foreign language in the past. Application deadline each year falls in February.

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/adams-charitable-foundation>

- *The AT&T Foundation*

“AT&T supports programs that address quality-of-life issues, with an emphasis on improving education and advancing community development.” AT&T places special emphasis on under-served or minority-majority communities.

http://about.att.com/sites/diversity/our_communities

- *The Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program*

The Wal-Mart Foundation offers a number of grant opportunities. The Community Grant Program offers grants ranging from from \$250 to \$2,500 to support the programming of organizations, including schools.

<http://giving.walmart.com/foundation>

- *The Edward E. Ford Foundation*

The Edward E. Ford Foundation awards grants to secondary schools on a high cost-share basis. All grants require a matching component.

<https://www.eeford.org/grants/recent-grants/index.aspx>

- *The Ford Motor Company Fund Capital Grant Program*

The Ford Motor Company Fund gives grants in five categories, including education, arts and humanities, and civic engagement. Organizations and schools can be awarded up to \$100,000 for the use in capital projects, meaning toward building or renovating space or infrastructure.

<https://corporate.ford.com/company/community/capital-grant-program.html>

- *Brinker International*

Brinker International believes in giving back to communities that host one of their restaurant names, including Chili’s, Corner Bakery Café, Big Bowl Asian Kitchen, Flyer’s Island, Rockfish Seafood Grill, Taco Cabana, and more. Their main areas of giving are health, social services, arts and education, and diversity. Giving may include grants or in-kind donations.

<http://www.brinker.com/company/givingback.asp>



General funding opportunities for schools (cont'd)

- *National Endowment for the Humanities*

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers a wide variety of grants, some of which could be applied to Arabic language program proposals.

<http://www.neh.gov/grants>

- *W. K. Kellogg Foundation*

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation funds a variety of programs focusing on civil engagement through education. Their mission focuses on optimal child development, and therefore funding is concentrated on early childhood development. Check previous projects for ideas of what is viable and what is not.

<http://www.wkcf.org/>

Funding opportunities for Teachers

- *QFI Teacher Initiative Grants*

QFI awards Teacher Initiative Grants to teachers of Arabic in K-12 public or public charter schools in the United States or Canada. Grant funds may be used to purchase materials and other resources to enhance the teaching and learning of Arabic, as well as to support school-related cultural or community events.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-initiative-grants-2>

- *Dora Johnson Awards*

QFI funds the Dora Johnson Awards in partnership with the ACTFL Arabic SIG to provide funding up to \$1,000 to K-12 Arabic language educators to attend the annual ACTFL convention. Preference is given to first-time attendees and presenters. Applications usually due in August or September.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-professional-development/>

- *QFI Teacher Fellowships*

QFI offers Teacher Fellowships for current or prospective K-12 Arabic teachers to become certified in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language. Fellowships provide up to \$25,000 toward tuition, fees and textbooks for programs that lead to a licensure or certification to teach Arabic in U.S. public or public charter schools. Applications are due in January each year.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-fellowships/>

- *Qatar Professional Development Workshops*

QFI partners with Concordia Language Villages to offer intensive K-12 Arabic teacher training workshops during the school year. Participants attend 2 workshops in October and April and 3 webinars. Most costs, including travel, lodging and meals, are covered.

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/adult-programs/educator-programs/workshops-consulting/qatar>



Funding opportunities for Teachers

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- *The Arab Academy Scholarship (ACTFL)*

ACTFL offers the Arab Academy Scholarship for 3 ACTFL members for 3 months of access to the online Arabic program, in addition to 1 weekly one-on-one speaking class. In addition, Arab Academy offers onsite scholarships for 2 ACTFL members for 8 weeks of Arabic language in its center in Cairo.

<http://www.actfl.org/assessment-professional-development/scholarships-and-grants/arab-academy-scholarship>

- *Fulbright*

Fulbright offers a number of research grants and teacher assistantships for professionals wishing to diversify their experience. Grant periods are generally 9 months. Programs are available in Bahrain, Kuwait, Morocco, Jordan, Oman, and U.A.E.

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedregion/22>

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- *Leo Benardo Award for Innovation in K-12 Language Education (ACTFL)*

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<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-initiative-grants-2>

- *Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Instruction Using Technology (ACTFL)*

The ACTFL Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Instruction Using Technology is presented annually to recognize an ACTFL member who integrates technology in the foreign language classroom. Winners will receive \$500. Applicants must have at least five years of teaching experience. Teachers and administrators are welcome to apply.

<http://www.actfl.org/about-the-american-council-the-teaching-foreign-languages/awards/other-awards/actfl-award-excellence>

- *Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture (ACTFL)*

The Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture is given each year to one ACTFL member who integrates the teaching of foreign culture into the classroom curriculum. Winners will receive a \$500 award.

<http://www.actfl.org/about-the-american-council-the-teaching-foreign-languages/awards/other-awards/the-actfl-nelson>



Funding opportunities for Teachers

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- *Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education (ACTFL)*

The Florence Steiner Award honors an ACTFL member who has demonstrated service to his or her school, community, and state. Winners will receive a \$500 award. Applicants must have over 5 years of teaching experience. Teachers and administrators are welcome to apply.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-initiative-grants-2>

- *University of Arizona Lesson Plan Competition*

The Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Arizona sponsors a Middle Eastern Lesson Plan Competition. The winner receives \$200 and resources to use toward his or her classroom. All K-12 teachers are welcome to submit a Middle East-themed lesson plan.

http://cmes.arizona.edu/outreach/lesson_plan_competition

- *STARTALK*

STARTALK offers opportunities for teachers to grow their professional experiences. Teachers can visit the STARTALK website to find a local program in which they can participate. Programs are funded by STARTALK, and are hosted by local schools and communities.

<https://startalk.umd.edu/public/about>

- *The NEA Foundation (Learning and Leadership Grants and The Big Help Grants)*

The National Education Association Foundation funds over 150 types of grants. The Learning and Leadership Grants fund professional development opportunities. The Big Help Grants program is dedicated to the development and implementation of ideas, techniques, and approaches for addressing five key concerns -- health and wellness, education, service, environmental awareness, and bullying.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/teacher-professional-development/>

Funding for Students (K-12)

- *QFI Summer Scholarships*

QFI provides need- and merit-based scholarships to K-12 students to attend designated summer intensive Arabic programs. Awards range from partial to full scholarships to programs at Concordia Language Villages' Al-Waha, Middlebury Summer Arabic Academy, and California State University San Bernardino. Scholarship applications are managed by the individual programs directly.

<http://qfi.org/programs/arabic-language-and-culture/summer-arabic-programs/>



Funding for Students (K-12) (cont'd)

- *QFI Arabic Study Awards*

QFI provides tuition support and professional development to outstanding graduating high school seniors and undergraduate students committed to furthering their knowledge of Arabic. Multiple award categories for merit- and need-based awards. Applications are due in April each year.

<http://qfi.org/programs/youth-engagement/academic-excellence/arabic-study-awards/>

- *National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)*

Provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students (ages 15-18) to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. All levels of proficiency are welcome to apply, including new students of Arabic. NSLI-Y hosts Arabic programs in Oman, Morocco, and Jordan.

<http://www.americancouncils.org/programs/nsli-y>

- *STARTALK*

STARTALK programs typically last 2-4 weeks over the summer and provide intensive Arabic instruction, field trips, and an emphasis on learning about Arab culture. Most programs are free to attend or have subsidized costs.

<https://startalk.umd.edu/public/>

- *The YES Abroad program*

Provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students to develop a perspective of a Muslim culture first-hand. Participants spend an academic year attending a high school while living with a host family in select countries with significant Muslim populations. YES Abroad offers programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, and Turkey.

<http://exchanges.state.gov/us/program/kennedy-lugar-youth-exchange-study-yes-abroad>

