

Mission

The mission of the Patterson Foundation is to provide resources to programs and non-profit organizations that make a distinct contribution to enhance the quality of life and create social and economic value in communities, primarily in the areas of oral health, animal health, and occupational and physical rehabilitation.

Guidelines for Grants

The Patterson Foundation's resources are focused in the areas of:

- **Oral health**
- **Animal health**
- **Occupational and physical rehabilitation**

Within these focus areas, the Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax status with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Funds are granted for:

- Health and Human Services programs related to the focus areas that benefit economically disadvantaged people or youth with special needs
- Education as it relates to the focus areas, especially programs that:
 - Increase the number of underrepresented people in the dental, veterinary, occupational health and physical health professions
 - Address shortages of professionals in the fields of dentistry, veterinary medicine, occupational health and physical health

In addition, Patterson Foundation provides scholarships to support the education of dependents of Patterson Companies employees.

Patterson Foundation gives strong preference to:

- Requests for one-time projects or start-up costs
- Projects or programs in which a number of professionals or students in the fields of dentistry, veterinary medicine, occupational or physical health, volunteer their services

In general, the Foundation will not consider requests for:

- Individuals
- Travel
- Film/video productions
- Disease-specific causes
- Fundraising or athletic events
- Emergency operating support
- Political advocacy, lobbying organizations
- Religious, fraternal, social, veteran or military organizations
- Funds to purchase the types of products sold by Patterson Companies; however, a local branch of a Patterson company may consider donating product
- Conferences/seminars or publication of their proceedings
- Programs operating outside North America

If you have questions or would like application materials, please contact the Patterson Foundation at 651-686-1929 or email information@pattersonfoundation.net.