When you click on the LibGuide link to this database, it takes you to this opening page. Here you can do a quick, basic Keyword search, OR click on the “Advanced Search” link for targeted searching.

The database includes detailed descriptions of more than 9,000 foundation programs that fund students, artists, researchers, and other individual grantseekers.

Here you’ll find 14 fields (12 of which are indexed) where you can enter criteria for your search.

Let’s begin a search by identifying foundations that award scholarships.

Click the “View Index” link for Types of Support.
Notice that clicking on the “View Index” link opens a corresponding index in a panel on the left-hand side of your screen. It is possible for you to conduct a search without the need to type anything at all in the search fields. Clicking on an index entry pastes your selection into the search field automatically.

Click on “Scholarships— to individuals”; the term will automatically appear in the Types of Support search field.

Now let’s limit our search to foundations that award scholarships to individuals in California.

Click on the “View Index” link for State.
Now let's run the search by clicking the “Search” button to generate a list of results.
This search generated a list of 233 foundations (25 shown at a time). These are sorted by Relevance by default, but you can re-sort by Name, City, Assets, or Giving. See also links for Printing, E-mailing, or Exporting the list.

You can search within the Results using this Search box, or use the radio button to select a New Search.

Un-checking some of the Search criteria boxes will broaden the search.

Note the links under Narrow Your Results, which will allow you to further focus your Results.

Let’s view a full foundation profile. Click on a link.

Click the “Home” link to do a new search; use “Back to Results” to continue to use the current search results list.

Foundation records include current, authoritative data on the funder, including name, address, and contact information; fields of interest; types of support; application information; and descriptions of opportunities for individual grantseekers. Full records can be e-mailed or printed.

When available, profiles also include a direct link to the foundation’s tax returns, Form 990 (including the most recent year).
Let’s do a new search for foundations in New York or New Jersey that award grants to artists.

Click “View index” for State.

Click “New York”; New York will appear in the State search field.

Then click “New Jersey”.
Foundation Grants to Individuals Online allows you to construct search strategies involving Boolean operators (OR, AND, NOT).

Notice that in this search, the Boolean operator OR has automatically been inserted between the two search terms in State. This will allow us to expand our search to foundations located in either state.

Now click on the “View index” link for **Fields of Interest**.

Scroll down the sidebar list, and then click the link for “Arts, artist’s services”.
Let’s run the search by clicking the “Search” button.

This search generated a list of 37 potential funders, all located in New York or New Jersey, that provide grants to individual artists.

Notice that under Narrow Your Results, you can choose to limit the results to only those foundations that are currently Accepting Applications.

Click a Foundation Name link to view the full profile of the grantmaker.

The options provided under Narrow Your Results are relevant to your current search criteria and your current search results.
Here is the full profile for this public charity, which awards grants and residencies to NY artists to support the creation of new media work. Notice the links to their website, and to their social media site (Facebook).

Scroll down the profile to find more detailed information about the Program Areas supported, how to apply for funding, and deadlines.