October 2026

Navigating FAWCO Foundation Grants and Awards - 2027
What You Need to Know

Your projects. Your passions. Your Foundation.

FAWCO FOUNDATION

60 YEARS 1967-2027

The 2027 Development Grants and Education Awards!

1. Who is eligible
2. The application process
3. Key points for applications
4. The 2027 DG and EA Slate

A CLUB CONNECTION. A WIDER IMPACT.

Development Grants

WHO?

Charitable projects nominated through FAWCO clubs

WHAT?

Funding for projects aligned with FAWCO's 4 areas of focus:

*Education *Environment
*Health *Human Rights



Development Grants turn local knowledge into meaningful support.

CLUB LEVEL

Your Club is Eligible to Submit an Application if:

They have been a member of FAWCO for 12 months before the application deadline (Jan 27th, every year).

They have been a club in good standing (up-to-date with their dues to FAWCO).

CLUB LEVEL

Your Club:

Can submit two applications per year

Can submit the same project the next year if it does not receive a grant

Can not submit the same project within the same organization for three years after receiving a grant

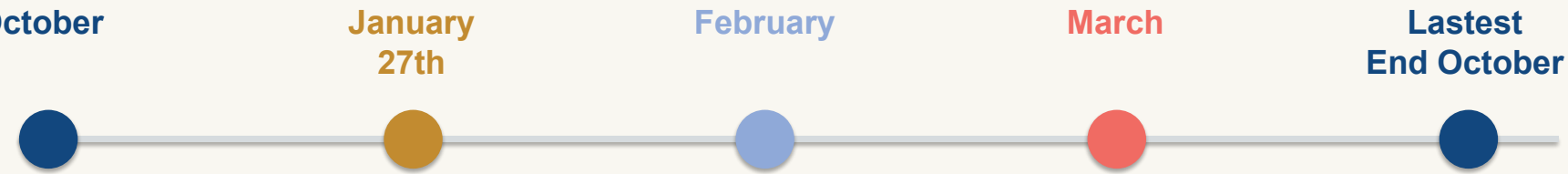
ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Your Club's Organization can be Nominated:

If your club has provided support to the organization for at least six months prior to the nomination deadline of January 27th 2027 (July 27th 2026).

Support = donation of goods, services or money by three or more individuals of a FAWCO Member Club or FAUSA.

DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS



October

Slate Announced
Applications available at
www.fawcofoundation.org

January 27th

Deadline
for application
submission

February

Grant Administrator &
Review Committee
undertake review &
due diligence of the
applications

March

*Online Ballot is sent
to Club Reps and
Presidents
*Each Club submits
one ballot
*Recipients
announced at March
conference

Lastest End October

Clubs submit
SOAs and
funds
transferred to
recipient
organization

THE PROCESS

Good to Know

APPLICATION

Must be submitted via google form
Thoroughly read the instructions

PASSWORD

COLLABORATION

Write the text, have it proofread, paste into google forms once completed

THE APPLICATION

Keep in Mind When Writing

Who votes for your project = Every FAWCO Club

The FAWCO and FAWCO Foundation mission and purpose

The purpose of our Grants are to provide funding for grassroots projects, to help local organizations meet immediate needs, strengthen communities and create lasting impact

THE APPLICATION

Know The Organization and Project

Who runs the organization, what is their mission?	→	Organizations with religious or political affiliations are not eligible.
What is the project?	→	Does it clearly address one of the core goals of FAWCO?
Where is it? What problem does it address? Can it be completed in 12 months?	→	Can our clubs relate and understand the need, urgency and impact that $5,000 can make?

THE APPLICATION

Good to Know

CATEGORY

Make sure your project addresses the focus of the grant category you are applying for

WRITE & REWRITE

Review with multiple people
Revise

DON'T WAIT

Start as soon as possible, it will take longer than you think

ROLES

Grant Administrator

Reviews all applications for completeness and eligibility

Clarifies any questions with the FAWCO Rep or Club President

Prepares descriptions of the nominated projects for the ballot & manages process.



Review Committee

Undertakes due diligence on each application

Requests further information or clarification via Grant Admin

For Guidance Contact:
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2027 Development Grants

9 Grants, 5 Categories, $5,000 each

- Education
  - 3 Grants available
- Environment
  - 1 Grant available
- Health
  - 1 Grant available
- Human Rights
  - 2 Grants available
- Global Issues- can address any of the 4 global issues in a clubs home country
  - 2 Grants available

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ONE PERSON. ONE OPPORTUNITY.

Education Awards

WHO?

FAWCO and FAUSA members and their children and grandchildren

WHAT?

Support for academic, vocational and skills-based education



Education Awards invest directly in people within our own community.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY - CLUB LEVEL

Members, their Children/Grandchildren can apply:

If their club has been a member of FAWCO for 12 months before the application deadline.

If their club is a FAWCO Club in good standing (up-to-date with dues).

Regardless of whether their club has made a contribution to The Foundation Programs.

NB: Members (the children/grandchildren) of the Board of Directors of FAWCO, The FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA are not eligible for Education Awards.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY - MEMBER LEVEL

Members, their Children/Grandchildren, can apply:

If they have been a FAWCO Club/FAUSA or individual member for a minimum of 12 months at application deadline January 27th

If they are a member in good standing (up-to- date with dues)
And, at time of award, they are still a member

For only one Education Award per year
If unsuccessful, they may apply again

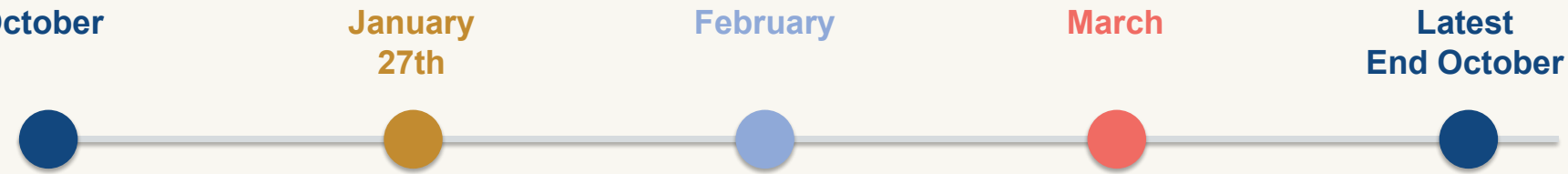
NB - Award recipients may not apply again
- Exception: Dual Cultural Award - recipients can apply for a different EA two years later

CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Four Categories

Member Awards	Open to members regardless of nationality
Academic Awards	Open to members' children regardless of nationality, between 16-27 years old on Jan. 27 2027
Open Learning Award	Open to members' children/grandchildren regardless of nationality, between 16-27 years old on Jan. 27 2027
Dual Cultural Award	Open to members' children/grandchildren, between 13 -18 years old on Jan. 27, 2027 and not have lived in the proposed study country for at least the last 6 years. Located in the home country of a parent or grandparent (whether or not the applicant holds citizenship there) and serve as a transformative cultural immersion experience and must be in English.

THE EDUCATION AWARD PROCESS



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Slate Announced
Applications available at
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January 27th

Deadline
for application
submission

February

Award Admin
reviews, redacts and
submits to Review
Committee members
who review and score
the applications

March

Top scoring
applications receive
the award
Recipients
announced at March
conference

Latest End October

Recipients
receive and
submit SOAs
with relevant
receipts
Funds
transferred to
recipient

Award Administrator

All application material is sent to the Award Admin for review: application, references, photo, transcripts

Admin sends the redacted applications to the Review Committee members for scoring

Scores are tabulated and recipients revealed

In the case of a tie, there is a reserve Committee member who arbitrates.

Review Committees

Each application is rated individually using a scoring sheet.

Clarifications are directed to the EA Admin to resolve.

There is no communication between review team members.

This is a blind review process.

Contact for Guidance:
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Christine R., vpprogramms@fawcofoundation.org

THE APPLICATION

Good to Know

APPLICATION

Must be submitted via google form thoroughly read the instructions

PASSWORD

REVIEW

It is recommended to write the essays and once they are final, cut and paste into google forms

If an applicant requires an alternative format or has any accessibility requests regarding their application, please contact Christine R. vpprograms@fawcofoundation.org.

THE APPLICATION

Make Sure Your Application Stands Out

Category Selection →

Review the categories of Education Awards
Choose the category that you believe best fits your goals

Letters of Recommendation x2 →

Select people who know you well and can speak to your strengths
Relationship to you matters— at least one should be from a professor, teacher and none should be from a family member

Brief your references: the course you're applying, the award
Form letters to "whom it may concern" give poor impressions

If your reference is not familiar with letters of recommendation, you can find reference guidelines on www.fawcofoundation.org

THE APPLICATION

Most Importantly - The Essays

Biographical Essay →

Choose a specific subject - a situation, something that has resonated with you, shows your enthusiasm

Keep the mission and audience in mind

Proposed Area of Study/Course to be Undertaken →

The field of study you are interested in and why

Do you show passion and real enthusiasm

What you hope to achieve with your study

APPLICATION

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Choose the award category that fits your proposed study

WRITE & REWRITE

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THE APPLICATION

Key Takeaway

- An application is a one-dimensional piece of paper that must convey a three-dimensional image

- An application that conveys the writer's personality and supports that image can easily compete against an impressive list of credentials lost in a poorly written and disorganized application

2027 Education Awards

Awards for Members Children and Grandchildren x 6 = $30,000

Children

- **Arts Award $5,000** *sponsored in part by AWC The Hague in honor of Georgia Regnault*
- **Humanities Award $5,000** *sponsored in part by AAWE Paris, in memory of Gertrude de Gallaix*
- **Sciences Award $5,000** *sponsored in part by AIWC Genoa and the Bacigalupo Family, in memory of Dr. Frieda Bacigalupo Natali*
- ✨ **Women in International Relations, Political Science, and Health Science** *sponsored by AWC Hamburg and the friends and family of Carol Ann Battenfeld, in her memory*

Children and Grandchildren

- ✨ **Dual Cultural Award $5,000** *sponsored in part by AWC Bern in honor of Donna Erismann*
- ✨ **Open Learning Jackie Isler Memorial Award $5,000**

Awards for Members x 8 = $32,500

- **Continuing Education Award $5,000** *sponsored in part by Mary Stewart Burgher of AWC Denmark*
- **Shirley Kearney, AWC Basel, University Level Award $5,000**
- **FAUSA Skills Enhancement Award $5,000**
- **Skills Enhancement Award $2,500** *sponsored by Carol McEowen*
- **Fine Arts up to $5,000** *sponsored in part by AIWC Frankfurt, Taunus, Rhein-Main, in memory of Barbara Merlino*
- ✨ **The de Groot Foundation Literacy is our Legacy Aspiring Writers Award x 3 ($5,000,$2,500x2)**