

# benefits of membership

GFE members represent a diverse spectrum of funders working locally, regionally and nationally to expand education opportunities and improve outcomes for all learners, from early childhood through postsecondary education. As a collective, GFE members are more powerful supporters of education than each organization would be on its own.

## **GFE members enjoy outstanding programs, services and networking opportunities.**

- **Free registration for a variety of two-day briefings** at which funders discuss grantmaking strategies to address a current or emerging topic in education.
- **Free registration for web seminars and convened conference calls** with leading experts in education and philanthropy.
- **Discounted registration for our highly rated annual conference**, the nation's largest gathering of education funders.
- **Priority enrollment and discounted registration for our biennial Education Grantmakers Institute**, an executive education program presented in partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- **News to Use, a monthly e-newsletter** available only to GFE members, which summarizes new research, national policy updates and developments in the field.
- **Complimentary copies of case studies** illustrating our *Principles for Effective Education Grantmaking*.
- **Complimentary copies of GFE's reports** on a range of current topics, including *Benchmarking the Field*, an annual analysis of grantmaking trends and funder priorities.
- **Complimentary copies of our donor toolkit** outlining high-impact practices in education philanthropy.

## **Members benefit from exclusive opportunities for alignment, collaboration and peer consultation.**

- **Participation in GFE's funder networks** focusing on areas of particular interest to our members. Current funder networks include the *Working Group on Education Organizing*, the *Education Policy Working Group* and the *Funder Network on Out-of-School Time*. We anticipate creating additional networks in the coming years.
- **Access to our secure member directory** of more than 1,200 individuals in over 250 grantmaking organizations. Searchable by name, geographical area and funding themes, the directory enables members to initiate their own networking at any time, according to their organization's needs and interests.
- **One-on-one counsel from GFE staff** to answer your grantmaking questions and help you identify and access similarly-focused grantmakers for advice or potential collaborations.

## **Participation in GFE builds the field of education philanthropy.**

By supporting and participating in an organization dedicated to sharing best practices, tracking emerging developments and creating opportunities for collaboration and alignment, each of our members ensures that their work, and the work being done by their peer organizations, is as effective and efficient as possible.

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