



FUNDING

There are many ways to fund Mental Karate. Here are five steps you can take:

1. **Existing Budget:** Talk to your principal or superintendent to find out if there is existing funding that can be directed to Mental Karate.
2. **Local Community Partners:** Research and contact local community groups such as Rotary Clubs and community foundations and ask for their support.
3. **Private Donors:** Solicit a private organization to sponsor Mental Karate, or ask one of your individual supporters if they would be willing to underwrite the program for your students. Many people in your community are eager to contribute to your cause, but are just waiting for someone to ask!
4. **Fundraisers:** Many schools have raised money for Mental Karate through student-led fundraisers. Consider doing a bake sale, set up a hot cocoa stand, or put together a theatrical performance and charge admission to see the production. Be creative, and get the students involved.
5. **State and Federal Grants:** Visit the United States Department of Education and your state's Board of Education website. Research to find out if your state legislature has funding allocated for character education, social and emotional learning, or leadership development. Be sure to revisit these sites regularly to stay up-to-date on available grants. And don't miss the application deadlines. Missing a deadline by even a few hours could be the difference between possibly thousands of dollars of funding and zero.

<<<<2011 Federal Funding>>>>

➤ **FY 2011 Education Budget**

On February 1, 2010, President Obama released his Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Materials are available at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget11/index.html> that explain what this budget provides for the programs and activities of the Department of Education. State tables at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/index.html> illustrate how funds will be distributed under State formula-allocated and selected student aid programs. Be sure to search by *program type* to identify funding that may be available for implementation of programs such as Mental Karate. Some programs that may be applicable include:

- **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** \$1,166,166,000
- **Rural and Low-Income Schools Program:** \$87,441,000
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants:** \$757,465,000
- **State Agency Program-Neglected & Delinquent Children & Youth Education:** \$50,427,000
- **School Turnaround Grants:** \$545,633,000
- **Small, Rural School Achievement Program:** \$87,441,000



- **Career and Technical Education State Grants:** \$1,160,911,000

➤ **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

On Feb. 13, 2009, Congress approved the ARRA economic stimulus legislation, providing up to \$100 billion in education aid over two years. The following ARRA funds could be tapped to purchase programs such as Mental Karate: Title 1 Grants, Title 1 School Improvement Grants, and IDEA grants. Learn more at <http://www.recovery.gov/Opportunities/Pages/Grants.aspx>.

<<<<Helpful Links>>>>

Below are some helpful links to get you started:

- **Grants.gov:** www.grants.gov
Bookmark Grants.gov and visit it on a weekly basis to stay informed about new grants available to fund programming for your students. Search under the Education category.
- **The United States Department of Education:** <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html>
- **The Illinois State Board of Education:** http://www.isbe.state.il.us/funding_opps/default.htm
Or, just search for the Board of Education for your state.
- **U.S. Department of State:** <http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html>
The U.S Department of State's website highlights grants available for organizations doing educational work on an international level.
- **The Grantsmanship Center:** <http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml>
The Grantsmanship Center, and other companies like this one, exists to train people about how to apply for grants. Their websites also include helpful reference tables, including tables listing foundations by state.
- **Network for Good:** <http://www.fundraising123.org/article/how-approach-your-old-and-new-donors>
Network for Good, and other organizations like this one, advises non-profits about how to secure funding from supporters. Check out their articles about the art of asking. Consider their tips as you approach both individual and corporate sponsors for Mental Karate.

Feel free to contact Mental Karate headquarters at Info@MentalKarate.com or 773.484.9568 if we can be of any service to you through this process.