



**Question:** *What does it take to get a grant from the Brutten Family Foundation?*

**Answer:** *It takes a request that falls within our funding guidelines and something that “sparks” our interest.*

The Brutten Family Foundation focuses its resources on the **Environment, Education, Homelessness** and **Mental Health**. Although the foundation funds broadly across issues, we do have specific concerns.

- On the **Environment**, we look to educate a new generation of environmentalists and we look to support a new generation of technology built to reduce carbon emissions and preserve natural resources.
- On **Education**, we seek to provide access to those who would otherwise not have the access or ability to obtain education at all ages.
- On **Homelessness** and **Mental Health**, we look for opportunities to invest in infrastructure for recovery with programs built for long-term solutions.

Then there is the element of “spark”. With limited funds and many worthy projects, good ideas must compete with one another. In seeking a diversity of subject matter, project type, geographic location, and recipient demographic, the deciding factor between worthy applications often becomes one of these variables. We become invested in your story and how well you tell it. Hence, as with much of life, there is an element of that little “something special” that is considered part of the process.

As a small foundation committed to making a big difference, we are strategic in our grant giving. We are willing to take risks on new ideas just as we intend to continue to support well-established programs, several of which we have supported for many years. We fund applied research when we see it linked to real change in the lives of real people. Ultimately, we look for situations where our involvement brings more to the table than our dollars. Is there a special role we can play? Will our participation attract other funders? How can we create the best possible long-term relationship?

Lastly, for Educational grants we go through the same iterative process, however we require a full financial overview of the applicant’s family’s financial condition. Our educational grants can take the form of grants, loans, or a combination of both depending upon the recipient’s special circumstances, their abilities, and their needs.

If you feel your request is right for us, we encourage you to submit a **one-page letter** to [pmbrutten@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbrutten@yahoo.com). You can expect a response within 60 days. Though our ability to help is limited, our admiration for those working in the field seeking to make a difference is unlimited. We urge you onward in your work and wish you the best of success with us and other potential supporters.