

# I want to be a . . . Grant Writer

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## Initial Career Steps:

- Be aware of the various groups in your area that might have the need for a grant writer. For example, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and colleges and universities.
- Research the grant writing process. You can find information on grant writing through your local library or online. Before approaching future employers, you will want to have the fundamentals of grant writing down and be versed in grant vocabulary.
- Volunteer at a local nonprofit organization in the grant writing department. Start small by working with a grant that they may have already started, then advance with finding new grants you can apply for. Becoming aware of current grants and methods is an important part of your experience.
- Once you've had some experience writing grants for small organizations, you may want to look at working with a larger organization.
- Make contacts and network. Attaching a face to your name can make all the difference in whether you win a grant contract over someone else. The same is true for getting a full-time job as a staff grant writer.

--ACC Center for Community Based & Nonprofit Organizations:

<http://www.nonprofitaustin.org/>

--The Grantsmanship Center:

<http://www.tgci.com/>

--Grant Writers' Network of Greater Houston:

<http://www.grantwritershouston.org/>

## Local Resources:

