

# **2019**

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*Ann Bancroft*★  
FOUNDATION



# ABOUT ABF



## ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION MISSION

The Ann Bancroft Foundation inspires and encourages girls to imagine something bigger. We strive to build confidence and offer tools that will allow a girl to go after her dreams and feel supported along the way. Through grants, mentorship, and ongoing development opportunities, the Ann Bancroft Foundation is giving Minnesota girls strength to achieve their full potential.

## ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION CULTURE & VALUES

The Ann Bancroft Foundation values inclusion, empowerment, and connectedness between and among people. We operate with a passion for making a difference in the lives of girls and choose to partner with like-minded individuals and organizations to cultivate an environment which supports girls in the achievement of their dreams.

The Ann Bancroft Foundation community, made up of alumnae who have received grants, mentors who guide the process, partners who enhance the impact and supporters who fund our programming, is diverse, inclusive, connected, accessible, transparent, healthy, and supportive. The Ann Bancroft Foundation encourages members of this community to be bold, courageous, and innovative. We take pride in the growing pool of people who eagerly claim membership in our community.



# ***OUR GRANT PROGRAMS***

## **WHAT WE DO**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation funds grants for girls through two different grant programs. To learn more about grant application guidelines, [click here](#).

## **DARE TO DREAM**

Fund Art, Cultural, Leadership, Educational, & Outdoors/Wilderness Experiences for girls in grades 4 through 12, allowing them to begin exploring the outside world and begin recognizing their own abilities, values and strengths in the process.

## **LET ME PLAY**

Fund Sport, Athletic, & Dance Equipment or Participation Fees for girls in grades K through 12, giving them the opportunity to be part of a team, build strength and confidence, and push themselves farther—on the field and off.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

We accept grant applications twice a year in the fall and spring — October 1 and April 1. Each applicant must apply alongside a mentor outside of her immediate family.

To apply online, [click here](#).



# OUR LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Ann Bancroft Foundation's **Board of Directors** is made up of highly successful community leaders with a number of diverse backgrounds. For our current board list and biographies of each member, [click here](#).

## STAFF

In 2014, ABF hired its first ever Executive Director, and now employs three full-time staff members. To learn more about the women behind the scenes, [click here](#).



## BOARD MEMBERS

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# FROM OUR ALUMNAE

We can tell you how impactful our grants are, but our grantees say it better. Below are quotes taken from girls who have been received a grant from ABF. For full stories on different grant experiences, [click here](#).

If you wish to speak to grant alumnae in your area, please fill out [this form](#) and email it to our Executive Director, Sara Fenlason, at [saraf@annbancroftfoundation.org](mailto:saraf@annbancroftfoundation.org).

"I noticed a significant increase in self-confidence. I think her experience has challenged her and she has proven to herself that she is capable and courageous."

**-Mentor, LMP '16**

"As a girl going into a male-dominated field, I can often feel as though my opinion is background noise to others. My time spent at engineering camp taught me to be confident in my ideas and speak up for them. I now make people listen, girl or no."

**-Shelby, D2D '16**

"The little moments of success and the realization that I'm not only accountable for my mess-ups, but that every time I succeed I can truly be proud of MY efforts with the help of ABF and my many mentors!"

**-Lydia, D2D '16**

"When I was awarded the grant I instantly felt relieved and I didn't feel alone. I felt good that someone out there listened to my story and wanted to help me. This grant was a blessing that I'm grateful to have received."

Thank you so much!"

**-Lecie, D2D '16**

"This experience has truly made a difference in my life because it made me become more experienced and a more confident tap dancer. Now that I am more skilled and self-assured, I want to showcase all around the world what tap dancers can do."

**-Kaylee, LMP '15**

# FROM OUR LEADERS

"When a girl has confidence, everything is possible. Everything. And we can't even dream about how big that possibility is for a girl, and that's the way it should be for all of us. If a girl doesn't have confidence, she doesn't dream, she doesn't participate. I want all of Minnesota to know that ABF is the only organization doing what we do, giving small monetary grants to girls to ignite them to live out their dreams and possibilities."

- ANN BANCROFT, FOUNDER

"Our grants are as diverse as the dreams of the girls we support. In recent years we have funded scrubs camp, travel to the Paris Climate Talks, AAU basketball, Robotics Team expenses, dance lessons, tours of historically black colleges – you name it, we have funded it. The application process is often the first time a girl learns to advocate for herself, and this lifelong skill has helped our alumnae throughout their lives beyond our grant from applying to college, to requesting financial aid, to negotiating a salary. Once confidence is ignited, anything is possible!"

- SARA FENLASON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## ABOUT ANN

Our founder, **Ann Bancroft**, is one of the world's preeminent polar explorers and an internationally recognized leader who is dedicated to inspiring women and girls around the world to unleash the power of their dreams. Through her various roles as an explorer, educator, sought-after speaker and philanthropist, Ann believes that by sharing stories related to her dreams of outdoor adventure, she can help inspire a global audience to pursue their individual dreams. For more information, [\*\*click here\*\*](#).

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