

2017 Blackboard Charitable Giving Program Grants Process Now Open **Company's Charitable Giving Program helps support educational programs globally**

NEW ORLEANS, July 27, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Blackboard Inc.](#), a leading education technology company for teaching, learning and student engagement, announced that it is now accepting applications for the 2017 [Blackboard Charitable Giving Program](#). The program supplies grants to eligible organizations globally to help foster educational initiatives in local communities. The announcement was made at [BbWorld and DevCon 2017](#), Blackboard's annual conference focused on helping institutions meet the needs of their learners, taking place July 24-27 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The mission of the Blackboard Charitable Giving Program is to leverage Blackboard's resources to improve the effectiveness and availability of education by promoting, providing, and supporting educational opportunities globally.

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"Our vision with the Blackboard Charitable Giving Program is to help create a world with increased opportunity for all learners, through better access to education and technology," said Denise Haselhorst, Chief People Officer at Blackboard. "We encourage organizations that align with the program's mission and vision to apply for a grant to support learners in their local communities."

In 2016, Blackboard was honored to award grants to the following six outstanding organizations: ArtWorks 4 ENA, Inc., Byte Back, City Year Washington, D.C., Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, International Minority Hub and the John Knight Curiosity Lab. These organizations are helping make a difference for learners in their local communities.

The program is open to eligible U.S. and international organizations. Interested organizations can learn more and apply for a grant online by visiting the program homepage at: <http://www.blackboard.com/about-us/charitable-giving.aspx>. The application deadline is September 30, 2017.


About Blackboard Inc.

Our mission is to partner with the global education community to enable learner and institutional success, leveraging innovative technologies and services. With an unmatched understanding of the world of the learner, the most comprehensive student-success solutions, and the greatest capacity for innovation, Blackboard is education's partner in change.

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