



An Initiative of The Skillman Foundation
to Improve the Lives of Children in Detroit through Good Schools

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THE SKILLMAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$2.5 MILLION TO DETROIT SCHOOLS

Detroit, MI, June 5, 2008— The Skillman Foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to Detroit elementary, middle and high schools during the fourth year of its multi-million dollar education initiative, *Good Schools: Making the Grade*. Eligible schools received from \$10,000 to \$100,000 each. This year's 129 winning schools were honored at a Good Schools Celebration of Excellence ceremony at Detroit's Chene Park on May 27th.

“This year we honored more schools than ever before. Our initiative recognizes academic achievement, committed and dedicated leadership, creative and innovative education, engaged parents, and really bright kids. All children in Detroit deserve access to a quality education that will prepare them for successful careers and lives,” said Carol Goss, president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation.

This year's winning Good Schools were selected in four categories: High Performing, Improving, Aspiring and Emerging. The schools will use the grants for student materials and equipment; professional development and training; parent and community involvement activities; and implementing, expanding or improving programs in a variety of areas including technology, literacy, fine arts, bilingual education, and extracurricular activities. Some schools did not receive new awards, but were honored for maintaining their Good Schools status. The following Detroit schools were selected as 2008 Good Schools:

High Performing Schools

Criteria: At least 75 percent of students have met or exceeded acceptable achievement standards in two of three areas: mathematics, reading/language arts, and science. There must be at least 60 percent achievement in the third subject area. In addition, schools must have a 90 percent attendance rate and meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

	Elementary Schools	Type	Amount Received
1.	Bates Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 75,000
2.	Ronald Brown Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 85,000
3.	Burton International School	Detroit Public School	\$ 75,000
4.	Carstens Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$100,000
5.	Chrysler Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$ 75,000
6.	Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Charter School	\$ 50,000
7.	Gompers Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$100,000
8.	Mann Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
9.	Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy	Charter School	\$ 75,000
10.	Thirkell Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
11.	Marvin Winans Academy	Charter School	\$ 75,000
12.	Charles Wright Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 75,000
13.	YMCA Service Learning Academy	Charter School	\$ 50,000
14.	Bagley Elementary	Detroit Public School	
15.	Detroit Edison Public School Academy	Charter School	
16.	Lodge Elementary	Detroit Public School	

	Middle Schools	Type	Amount Received
17.	Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Charter School	\$ 50,000
18.	Edward Duke Ellington Conservatory	Detroit Public School	\$ 85,000
19.	Hally Magnet Middle School	Detroit Public School	\$ 75,000
20.	University of Detroit Jesuit Academy	Catholic School	\$ 25,000
21.	Bates Academy	Detroit Public School	
22.	Burton International	Detroit Public School	
23.	Ludington Magnet Middle School	Detroit Public School	
24.	YMCA Service Learning Academy	Charter School	

	High Schools	Type	Amount Received
25.	Renaissance High School	Detroit Public School	
26.	University of Detroit Jesuit Academy	Catholic School	

Improving Schools

Criteria: Schools must have at least a 10 percent student improvement over the prior year in two of three areas: mathematics, reading/language arts, and science. In addition, schools must have a 90 percent attendance rate and meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) or be in no more than the first year of school improvement.

	Elementary Schools	Type	Amount Received
1.	Allen Academy	Charter School	\$ 50,000
2.	William Beckham Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
3.	Birney	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
4.	Bow	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
5.	Clark Elementary	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
6.	Roberto Clemente Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000

7.	Crary	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
8.	Dossin	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
9.	Edison	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
10.	Fitzgerald	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
11.	Gardner	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
12.	Hope of Detroit Academy	Charter School	\$ 50,000
13.	Jemison School of Choice	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
14.	Law	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
15.	Malcolm X. Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
16.	Mark Twain	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
17.	Thurgood Marshall	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
18.	Maybury	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
19.	Oakman	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
20.	Pasteur	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
21.	Plymouth Educational Center	Charter School	\$ 50,000
22.	Pulaski	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
23.	Wilkins	Detroit Public School	\$ 50,000
24.	Carver	Detroit Public School	
25.	Clinton	Detroit Public School	
26.	Cooke	Detroit Public School	
27.	Coolidge	Detroit Public School	
28.	George Crockett Academy	Charter School	
29.	Marcus Garvey Academy	Detroit Public School	
30.	Gesu Catholic School	Catholic School	
31.	Heilmann	Detroit Public School	
32.	Langston Hughes Academy	Detroit Public School	
33.	Old Redford Academy	Charter School	
34.	Rutherford Academy	Detroit Public School	
35.	Pierre Toussaint Academy	Charter School	
36.	Universal Academy	Charter School	
37.	Woodward Academy	Charter School	
38.	Coleman A. Young	Detroit Public School	

	Middle Schools	Type	Amount Received
39.	Marcus Garvey Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 25,000
40.	Gesu Catholic School	Catholic School	\$ 15,000
41.	Plymouth Educational Center	Charter School	\$ 10,000
42.	St. Bartholomew	Catholic School	\$ 15,000
43.	Christ the King	Catholic School	
44.	Dixon	Detroit Public School	
45.	Mark Twain	Detroit Public School	
46.	Timbuktu Academy	Charter School	
47.	Marvin Winans Academy	Charter School	
48.	Woodward Academy	Charter School	

	High Schools	Type	Amount Received
49.	Davis Aerospace Career/Technical Ctr.	Detroit Public School	\$ 20,000

Aspiring Schools

Criteria: At least 60 percent of students have met or exceeded acceptable achievement standards in two of three areas: mathematics, reading/language arts, and science; or schools must have at least a 5 percent increase over the prior year of students meeting the achievement standards.

	Elementary Schools	Type	Amount Received
1.	Ann Arbor Trail Magnet	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
2.	Blackwell Institute	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
3.	Burns	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
4.	Campbell	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
5.	Carleton	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
6.	Cesar Chavez Academy	Charter School	\$ 15,000
7.	Courtis	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
8.	Detroit Open School	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
9.	Durfee	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
10.	Greenfield Union	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
11.	Holcomb	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
12.	Joyce	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
13.	Logan	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
14.	MacDowell	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
15.	Benjamin Mays Male Academy	Private School	\$ 15,000
16.	Michigan Technical Academy-Mansfield	Charter School	\$ 10,000
17.	New Elementary @ Elmdale	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
18.	Owen Academy @ Pelham	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
19.	St. Cecilia School	Catholic School	\$ 10,000
20.	Schulze	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
21.	Timbuktu Academy	Charter School	\$ 10,000
22.	Vetal	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
23.	Wayne	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
24.	Westside Multicultural Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
25.	Barton	Detroit Public School	
26.	Detroit Academy of Arts & Science	Charter School	
27.	Fleming	Detroit Public School	
28.	Harding	Detroit Public School	
29.	Marquette	Detroit Public School	
30.	Nichols	Detroit Public School	
31.	Richard	Detroit Public School	
32.	Van Zile	Detroit Public School	

	Middle Schools	Type	Amount Received
33.	Detroit Edison Public School Academy	Charter School	\$ 15,000
34.	Detroit Urban Lutheran	Lutheran School	\$ 10,000
35.	Greenfield Union	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
36.	A.L. Holmes	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
37.	Nichols	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
38.	St. Scholastica	Catholic School	\$ 15,000
39.	Taft	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
40.	Trix	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
41.	Westside Multicultural Academy	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
42.	Winterhalter	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000

43.	Allen Academy	Charter School	
44.	Ann Arbor Trail Magnet	Detroit Public School	
45.	Golightly Educational Center	Detroit Public School	

	High Schools	Type	Amount Received
46.	Boykin Continuing Education Center	Detroit Public School	\$ 15,000
47.	Detroit School of the Arts	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
48.	Cass Technical High School	Detroit Public School	

Emerging Schools

Criteria: Schools must meet three of four conditions: graduation rate of 80 percent or higher or a five percent increase; post-high school experience of 75 percent or higher; 75 percent of graduating seniors meet Michigan Merit Curriculum in math and science; and average daily attendance rate of 90 percent.

	High Schools	Type	Amount Received
1.	Cody	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
2.	Detroit High School of Technology	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
3.	Kettering	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
4.	Osborn	Detroit Public School	\$ 10,000
5.	Communication & Media Arts	Detroit Public School	
6.	Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School	Detroit Public School	

Launched in 2004, The Skillman Foundation's seven-year *Good Schools: Making the Grade* initiative identifies nine indicators of student and school success and invites Detroit principals from public, private, charter and religious schools to apply for funding to maintain or attain these standards. Schools are able to assess their strengths and weaknesses through the application process, which is managed by the Good Schools Resource Center at Marygrove College. During the first three years of the initiative, more than \$5.5 million was awarded to Detroit schools.

A comprehensive guide to good schools in Detroit is distributed every year to neighborhoods and businesses and is available online at www.skillman.org and www.goodschoolsdetroit.org. For more information about *Good Schools: Making the Grade*, contact De'Angelo Alexander, The Skillman Foundation's education program officer, at 313-393-1366 or the Good Schools Resource Center at 313-927-1418.

Created in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a private philanthropy whose chief aim is to help develop good schools and good neighborhoods for children. Though grants are made throughout metropolitan Detroit, most grants are directed at six Detroit neighborhoods — Southwest Detroit (Vernor and Chadsey/Condon), Brightmoor, Osborn, Central and Cody/Rouge — and toward innovative and successful schools throughout the city of Detroit. Visit www.skillman.org for more information.

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 82 AWARDEES, \$2.2 MILLION