

FoundationSearch America

Foundation Search!

(<http://www.foundationsearch.com/>)

FoundationSearch, a product of the BIG Online division, includes a powerful database driven tool for identifying funding sources and analyzing their historical giving trends. This includes locating grants by type, value, year, recipient, donor and other criteria.

Comprised of over two million digital pages of information, **FoundationSearch** also includes a unique and comprehensive source of indexed and fully searchable IRS Form 990PF returns representing all United States' private foundations — over 87,000 — and spanning their most recent tax reporting years.

FoundationSearch has numerous ways that a P.I. can search for funding sources:

The *Foundation Search* page allows you to search for a specific foundation for funding:

Foundation Name- allows you to specify a specific foundation whether the foundation has words or not

City- allows you to specify a specific city that the foundation is or is not located in

County- allows you to specify a specific county that the foundation is or is not located in

State- allows you to specify which state the foundation is located in

Zip Code- allows you to specify a zip code in which to search for a foundation

EIN- allows you to search by the Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Assets Range- allows you to search for a foundation by the amount of assets that foundation has

Income Range- allows you to search for a foundation by the amount of income that a foundation has

Giving Interests- allows you to search by a specific interest that foundations grant monies toward

Types of Support- allows you to search for a foundation by the type of funding it supports

Directors- allows you to search for a foundation via the director's names, if known

Geographic Scope- allows you to search for a foundation by a specific geographic region

The *Foundation Profile Keyword Search* page allows you to search for a specific foundation in five key areas of a foundation's profile:


Foundation Name- allows you to search for a foundation by the foundation's name

Foundation City- allows you to look for foundations in a specific city

Foundation State- allows you to look for foundations in a specific state

Director/Officer- allows you to look for a specific foundation by director

Keyword Search- allows you to look for foundations by keyword

 The *Foundation Profile Keyword Search* page also allows the following search techniques: fuzzy searching, stemming, and phonic searching.

Fuzzy searching will find a word even if it is misspelled. For example, a fuzzy search for *apple* will find *apple*. Fuzzy searching can be useful when you are searching text that may contain typographical errors, or for text that has been scanned using optical character recognition (OCR). There are two ways to add fuzziness to searches:

- Check the "Fuzzy searching" box to enable fuzziness for all of the words in your search request.
- You can also add fuzziness selectively using the % character. The number of % characters you add determines the number of differences FoundationSearch.com will ignore when searching for a word. The position of the % characters determines how many letters at the start of the word have to match exactly.

Stemming extends a search to cover grammatical variations on a word. For example, a search for *child* would also find *children*. A search for *applied* would also find *applying*, *applies*, and *apply*. There are two ways to add stemming to your searches:

- Check the **Stemming** box in the search form to enable stemming for all of the words in your search request. Stemming does not slow searches noticeably and is almost always helpful in making sure you find what you want.
- If you want to add stemming selectively, add a ~ at the end of words that you want stemmed in a search.

Phonic searching looks for a word that sounds like the word you are searching for and begins with the same letter. For example, a phonic search for *Smith* will also find *Smithe* and *Smythe*. To ask FoundationSearch.com to search for a word phonically, put a # in front of the word in your search request. Examples: #smith, #johnson

You can also check the **Phonic searching** box in the search form to enable phonic searching for all words in your search request. Phonic searching is somewhat slower than other types of searching and tends to make searches over-inclusive, so it is usually better to use the # symbol to do phonic searches selectively.

Use the W/N connector in a search request to specify that one word or phrase must occur within N words of the other. For example, *children w/5 education* would retrieve any document that contained *children* within 5 words of *education*.

FoundationSearch uses two built in search words to mark the beginning and end of a file: *xfirstword* and *xlastword*. The terms are useful if you want to limit a search to the beginning or end of a file. For example, *hospital w/10 xlastword* would search for *hospital* within 10 words of the end of a document.