



# 2017 Year In Review

## Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation

### Mission

The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation's mission is to support the communities where the company has a business presence. The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation's primary giving focus is education, with an emphasis on STEM education. In 2017, the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation made contributions in 15 communities across the United States: Huntsville, AL; Camden, AR; El Segundo, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Sacramento, CA; Washington, DC; Orlando, FL; West Palm Beach, FL; Stennis, MS; Carlstadt, NJ; Socorro, NM; Jonesborough, TN; Gainesville, VA; Orange, VA; and Redmond, WA.

### Celebrating 18 Years of Giving

On behalf of the board of directors of the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation, we are pleased to showcase the great work our Foundation's grantmaking supports in communities across our sites. This report presents highlights of the 2017 giving year and we invite you to visit our [website](#) for more details.

The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation is committed to inspire the next generation of students, improve STEM teaching and build local partnerships to grow our nation's future workforce. We understand the STEM job gap our nation is facing and through partnerships with STEM-based organizations, STEM scholarships and support for STEM career disciplines at partner universities, our grantmaking is continuing to make a difference.

Thank you for your partnership with the Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation as we continue to inspire the future talent pursuing careers in science and engineering.

**John Schumacher**  
Aerojet Rocketdyne  
Foundation President

**Sara Minnehan**  
Aerojet Rocketdyne  
Foundation Director

### Matching Gifts for Education

The Foundation matches the first \$1,000 per employee per year for donations made to qualifying education organizations.

199

Employee  
Participants

195

Recipient Schools  
or Universities

\$110,973

Matching Gifts Total

Click for a list of Matching Gift grant recipients.

\$330,843

Total Foundation Giving

\$116,900

Grants to Charity

\$40,845

Disaster Relief Matching  
Grant to American Red Cross

\$62,125

Scholarships

\$110,973

Matching Gift Grants



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Foundation

## Scholarships

The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation Scholarship Program awards four-year scholarships to employees' children. In 2017, ten students received scholarships. Administered through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, these scholarships are recognized nationally for outstanding academic achievement.

### Congratulations to the 2017 Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation Scholarship recipients:

#### 2017 National Merit® Scholarship Winners:

**Conner Gould**, son of **Paul Gould**, Sacramento  
**Edward (Tracy) Mirkin**, son of **Randy Mirkin**, West Palm Beach

#### 2017 Special Scholarship Winners:

**Jessica Black**, daughter of **Rob Black**, Gainesville  
**Julianna Emanuel**, daughter of **Mark Emanuel**, Los Angeles  
**Samantha Gates**, daughter of **Martha Gates**, Sacramento  
**Kyle Gillaspay**, son of **Grant Gillaspay**, Sacramento  
**Stuart Harper**, son of **Steve Harper**, Redmond  
**Austin Ho**, son of **Frank Ho**, Los Angeles  
**Austin Quinn**, son of **Shawn Quinn**, Los Angeles  
**Vasanth Sadhasivan**, son of **Akila Sadhasivan**, Sacramento

## Disaster Relief

Aerojet Rocketdyne employees responded generously to the Foundation's disaster relief matching program for flooding in California, storms in the South, hurricanes in Texas and Florida and the West Coast wildfires. The Aerojet Rocketdyne Foundation matched employee donations to the American Red Cross, dollar-for-dollar up to various levels per disaster for a combined match of \$40,845. Since 2001, foundation matching has provided \$316,340 to the American Red Cross' disaster relief efforts, in addition to employees' donations.



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## Top 10 Grant Recipients

- National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- American Red Cross – Gold County Region
- SETI Institute
- Challenger Center for Space Science Education
- University of Washington Foundation
- EnCorps Inc.
- Education Foundation of Palm Beach County
- University of Alabama Huntsville Foundation
- Stevens Institute of Technology Trustees
- Education Foundation of Martin County

[Click for a list of 2017 Grant Recipients](#)

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