The S.T.A.R. Foundation of Monterey County provides grant support programs operating under the umbrella of a non-profit organization. Our grants are designed to supplement existing programs by providing funding for capital technical expense (e.g., lighting, sound and musical equipment), augment instruction by providing guest artists/docents in acting, make-up, scenic, sound and lighting design, maintenance of musical instruments, and more.

Application deadlines are January 15 and August 15 of each year.

Qualified programs will:

- Be working under non-profit status
- Relate to youth-related performing arts, serving young people in elementary school through college

We fund:

- · Musical instruments and supplies
- Maintenance of musical instruments
- · Sound and lighting equipment
- · Permanent stage elements
- · Ticket subsidies
- · Tuition assistance
- Matching grants

We do not fund:

- · Salaried staff
- Royalties
- Script cost- (normally rentals)
- Personnel costs except for something necessary i.e. flying specialists for Peter Pan
- · General operating cost

Debatable by case:

- · Set or costume costs
- Space rental
- Guest teachers/workshops
- Transportation help

HOW TO APPLY: Interested organizations should send the following to Executive Director Reg Huston: reghuston@starfoundationmc.org:

- A letter and attachment explaining the program and who it serves,
- what the grant will cover
- a budget, with highlighted youth-related line items.
- sources of other funding and a profit/loss statement if available, and
- proof of 501(c)3 status.