

Sonoco Foundation Accepting Spring Grant Proposals

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[The Sonoco Foundation](#), the philanthropic arm of Hartsville, S.C.-based Sonoco Products Company, is now accepting grant proposals for 2015. The Sonoco Foundation's grant program focuses on education, health and wellness, arts and culture, and the environment. Grant proposals will only be accepted from nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status that are based in the communities where Sonoco operates. All proposals must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2015, to be considered.

The Sonoco Foundation understands that strong communities and thriving businesses are linked. To this end, Sonoco gives back to the communities where they operate to address critical social and economic issues. In 2014, Sonoco Foundation awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to nonprofits.

"For more than a century, Sonoco has maintained its commitment to the communities and people we serve," says Roger Schrum, vice president of Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs. "We are proud to award these funds to organizations that strengthen education, improve health and wellness and enhance our shared communities."

In March 2014, Sonoco established their corporate donor advised fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation, the Midland's expert on philanthropy, to strengthen their philanthropic efforts. The Community Foundation acts as a centralized point of contact for all grant requests to the corporation and manages its grants administration, evaluation, outreach and distribution.

Click [here](#) to submit a grant proposal or for more information.

About Sonoco:

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging, and displays and packaging supply chain services. With annualized combined sales of approximately \$5.4 billion, the Company has more than 21,000 employees working in more than 340 operations in 34 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is a proud member of the 2014/2015 Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on the Company, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

About Central Carolina Community Foundation:

Central Carolina Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization serving 11 counties in the Midlands by distributing grants and scholarships and linking the resources of donors, nonprofits and area leaders to communities in need. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.yourfoundation.org or call 803.254.5601.