

One Million Dollars and Many Reasons to Invest in Girls

With a grant of a million dollars, much can be accomplished; although, not everything can be fulfilled, it could provide a great start! The best way to use this grant is to improve upon the advances made by women, specifically involving education. This money would be put toward the development of girls' schools in third world countries.

I would put the one million dollar grant award to further women's movements in the near and far future. My firm belief is that education is the key for women's advancement, and with this grant I would do my best to build more schools for girls in areas that have issues providing education to women. Building schools in remote areas such as Seychelles and Nigeria, I'd work tirelessly to help girls in these countries earn an education and go on to pursue careers in various fields. I would take a portion of the money to build at least one school, and take promising students to the United States to be trained as teachers in a variety of fields such as agriculture, engineering, and health. Once they receive proper training, they would return to their native countries to share the gift of knowledge with others. In many of these countries, women and young girls do not have access to a basic education, throwing them into a cycle of poverty, trafficking, and other occurrences. My goals would be based on Mary McLeod Bethune, the founder of Bethune-Cookman College, a college for African-American students. Mary was an educator for over a decade, and worked at this school (including serving as its President) for nearly 40 years, as well as actively working for government, even serving multiple Presidents.

My goals are based on her work because of the impact she has had on minorities and women, especially in education. She believed education was the key to success as do I, and it's highly admirable of her for the work that she accomplished. The steps she has taken have brought both minorities and women far, and with some work that's been adapted to fit today's world, it would impact our society. For example, it would change the views and stereotypes placed on many women, as well as promoting equality in jobs, especially those involving education. Through the grant of a million dollars, sending girls that live in poor areas with little or no education, to places where they could be educated would open doors that would have remained closed otherwise. Mary knew the importance of an education, for it grants the gift of knowledge. No one would have a blank mind, nor would they suffer the consequences of poor thinking skills.

With all of the goals that would be accomplished through a grant of one million dollars, girls everywhere would benefit through these goals set for education.