



Donor Introduction to The Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation

The Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation (BSDEF) is dedicated to serving the students of the Blackhawk School District (BSD) through the BSDEF's three programs: post-secondary education scholarships, educational enrichment, and asset improvement.

The post-secondary education scholarships program allows individuals, businesses, and other non-profit organizations to make grants and contributions to provide scholarships for seniors graduating from the district who are pursuing post-secondary education at trade or technical schools, two-year colleges, four-year colleges or universities, or other approved post-secondary programs. Individual scholarship criteria are established by donors with the approval of the BSDEF, and the BSDEF relies on input from the high school administration in selecting applicants. The BSDEF and the BSD administration are in the process of developing a single, online application for seniors to apply for multiple scholarships which are administered internally by the BSD. The online application will be available in January for the 2023 scholarship application process.

Funds allocated to educational enrichment program by the BSDEF are used to support teachers and students throughout the BSD. This program will provide for funding for field trips, in-classroom programming, educational supplies and materials, and other items in line with the mission of the BSDEF, subject to the required approvals of the school administration. BSDEF is working with school officials to provide teachers with an online application to apply for enrichment awards up to \$500 beginning in the Spring 2023 for the Fall 2023. The number of awards available will depend on the amount of funds raised by the BSDEF.

The third program administered by the BSDEF is the asset improvement program. Like the two programs outlined above, the BSDEF allocates funds to this program in consultation with the Blackhawk School District. All purchases funded by the BSDEF will become property of the Blackhawk School District.

The BSDEF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation independent of the Blackhawk School District and works in partnership with the BSD. The BSDEF accepts general donations and at its discretion, allocates funding to these programs based on input from BSD central administration, building principals and guidance counselors. The BSDEF also accepts directed donations in the amount of \$5,000 or more that are in line with the mission of the BSDEF, subject to consultation with the BSD.

Those wishing to support teachers and students of the BSD can make tax deductible, one-time and/or recurring online donations to the Blackhawk School District Foundation can be made via our website at www.bsdef.com. Additional donation option instructions for check and ACH transfer are also provided on our website.

If you would like to support the BSDEF by sponsoring an annual scholarship or making a directed donation, please see information our website at www.bsdef.com and contact us for further information via email at info@bsdef.com.

Thank you for learning about the Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation and considering supporting the students and teachers of the Blackhawk School District.

Bryan Wright, President, BSDEF
On behalf of the entire volunteer Board of Directors of the BSDEF