



Donor Introduction Letter

We are pleased to introduce you to the **Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation (BSDEF)**, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the educational experience for students in the **Blackhawk School District (District)**. We provide resources and opportunities that directly benefit students and teachers through three impactful programs:

Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Program

This program awards scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing further education at trade or technical schools, two-year colleges, four-year universities, or other approved programs.

Educational Enrichment Program

We support students and teachers through two targeted initiatives:

- **Student Enrichment Grants:** Teachers can apply for funding for field trips, classroom programs, educational materials, and other initiatives that align with the BSDEF mission (subject to the approval of school administrators).
- **Student Aide Support:** This initiative supports students and families in need by providing essential resources, including clothing, food, assistance with utility bills, and other critical necessities. It also funds the High School and Middle School Clothing Closets, ensuring students can access clothing and essentials. Support is provided discreetly and respectfully, preserving the dignity and privacy of the students and families receiving assistance.

Asset Improvement Program

This program provides funding for facility upgrades and resource improvements in collaboration with the Blackhawk School District. Any items purchased under this program become the District's property, ensuring long-term benefit to students and staff. Funding decisions are made in close collaboration with District leaders to ensure alignment with school priorities.

How We Allocate Funds

While the BSDEF operates independently of the District, we partner closely with the District to align our efforts with the school district's goals. We collaborate with the District to gather input from central administration, building principals, and guidance counselors to ensure our scholarships and grants meet the most pressing needs of students and staff.

As a donor, you may sponsor a scholarship or grant with specific criteria that align with your interests. Alternatively, you can make a general donation, which allows the BSDEF to allocate funds where they are needed most. Students submit one online application via the BSDEF website to be considered for all eligible scholarships. Similarly, teachers submit grant requests online to apply for enrichment and aide funding.

How You Can Help

Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in the lives of students and teachers in our community. Contributions to the BSDEF are tax-deductible and can be made via check by sending donations to:

Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation
c/o Blackhawk School District
500 Blackhawk Road
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Donations can also be made online at www.bsdef.com or via ACH transfer by requesting instructions at bsdfound@gmail.com.

We appreciate your interest in the Blackhawk School District Educational Foundation and your consideration of a donation. Your support creates lasting opportunities for students and teachers across the district.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the future of Blackhawk School District students.