



Fayetteville Public Education Foundation

Mission

The Fayetteville Public Education Foundation supports programs and opportunities that are not available to our students through the district's budget.

We do this by leveraging support from parents, alumni, and corporate sponsors who are dedicated to helping our children succeed.

History - Exceptional Education

The Foundation was established in 1992. A \$4 million endowment supports grants for teacher-initiated projects and scholarships to deserving FHS seniors.

Donor's Funds are invested in the endowment and distributed in perpetuity, leaving a legacy for you and your family.

This investment in education guarantees that vital programs will remain in place for future generations of Fayetteville students.

SINCE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1992
\$3.7 MILLION
IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation's endowment principal is never spent and remains intact, enabling the endowment to grow, maintain its "spending power" and provide a permanent stream of income over time.

The Foundation's ethos is to support promising new programs that spark our students education, while preserving public dollars for the work of schools.

Impact - Grant and Scholarship Making

The Foundation works as a catalyst for emerging needs that are innovative and pioneering.

The Fayetteville School District serves every child that walks through the door, regardless of race, disability, or income. Through state-of-the-art grants submitted by Fayetteville teachers, students experience extraordinary educational opportunities- many for the first time.

OVER 8426 STUDENTS
SUPPORTED THROUGH GRANTS IN THE LAST YEAR

The Foundation supports a wide range of programs to let students explore new interests, discover new passions and participate in emerging experiences some of which include theatre, orchestra, film, robotics and engineering, agriculture and animal sciences, outdoor programs and expansion of language arts.

Mission Investing - Strong Track Record

The Foundation is building on an already significant endowment with strong fiscal management. Investments are managed to produce a stable return.

2017 +15.13% | 2016 +8.05%
Annualized since 2003 is +7.62%

Annual distribution for grants and scholarships is three to five percent (3-5%) of a 36-month rolling average of the endowment value.

As a small organization, low overhead costs allows for sustainability which in turn means that funds from the endowment go directly to projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience.

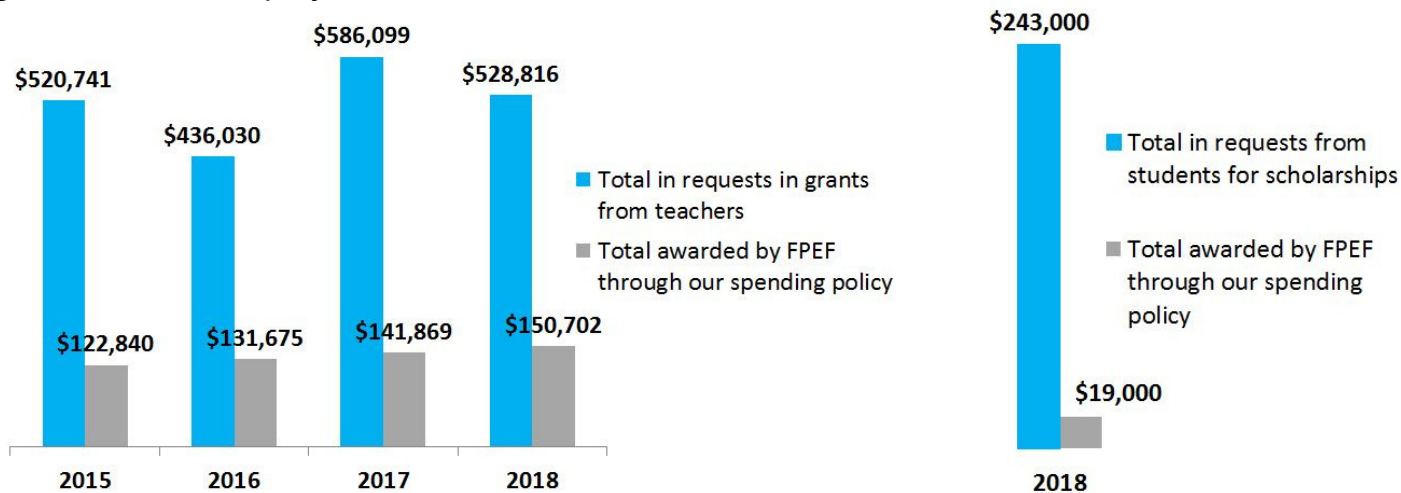
Annual operating costs are secured through unrestricted gifts from friends, parents and alumni, Annual Fund membership and fundraising events.

The Foundation does not receive any federal, state or local tax support to fund our programs.

Need - We have grown dramatically

Achieving the objectives of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation has become increasingly more challenging each year.

For the past five years, grant and scholarship requests have far exceeded the amount allotted through the endowment's income. For example, in the last grant cycle the Foundation received over \$500,000 in teacher requests, but was only able to distribute \$150,000 from the endowment's income, leaving a large amount of original and inventive projects unfunded.



Grant and scholarship requests are outpacing available support

The reality is, without endowment growth many teachers will have to forgo pioneering projects, leaving many students without pivotal educational and enrichment experiences in our schools.

Response

With a strong endowment, our FHS seniors students will have greater access to higher education and teachers will have more resources to promise a first-class educational experience. Regardless of the economic climate, public education will thrive in Fayetteville.

Growing the endowment will allow the Foundation to:

- Award more grant and scholarship applicants.
- Gift larger amounts for teachers to implement projects with a greater impact, that move-the-needle and demonstrate educational innovation.
- Fund more far-reaching projects with a long-term focus to close the achievement gap.

From school gardens to biological field trips, from instruments for orchestra and props for theatre, to robotics and 3D printers, the endowment will fund more innovative projects that strengthen our students education.

We will ensure that thousands of Fayetteville children have the opportunity to be engaged in extraordinary programs. This is the promise of our public schools; this is the gift of the supporters of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation.

Legacy

Many Fayetteville alumni attribute their successes to the solid education received while attending Fayetteville Public Schools.

In return, alumni and their parents feel it is important to give current and future Fayetteville students the same support they received.

Growing our endowment will support multiple generations of students and faculty, thereby making a lasting impact on Fayetteville Public Schools and a legacy for you or your family.