

# **Waunakee Community School District**

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## **Student Financial Assistance Fund**



# What is the Student Financial Assistance Fund (SFAF)?

The Waunakee Community School District is committed to ensuring that all students and families can participate in their school communities regardless of a family's financial situation and ability to pay.

Scholarships or payment plans are available to any student who has been approved for the free/reduced meal program, and may be available to any student whose families have a financial need due to unique circumstances.



# When was the SFAF created?

The Waunakee Community School District made a financial commitment to start a Student Financial Assistance Fund that can support families in need in September of 2018.

The Waunakee Board of Education annually contributes \$5,000 to the fund, with the remaining funds coming from donations from the community.



# Who makes up the SFAF Committee?

A district-wide committee, including representatives from the Board of Education (BOE), administrators, staff, and students, has been created to establish guidelines for this work. The committee is lead by Jessica Moehn, district social worker.

The Committee and Student Financial Assistance Fund is focused on Waunakee students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and families who are experiencing a financial crisis.

The Student Financial Assistance Fund Committee meets once per month. Depending on the needs of the community and the balance of the fund, the Committee discusses how often and when to widely ask for donations to the Classmunity.



# How does someone request assistance from the Fund?

If you, your family, or a family you know has a request for assistance in order to participate in school activities, please reach out to Teri Reible at the district office or your building social worker to learn more about these opportunities.

Teri Reible - 608-849-2000

If you need assistance in a language other than English, please call the district interpreter and translator at 608-849-2000 option 2.



# What does the SFAF provide for families and students?

Donations will be used to fund need-based scholarships for activities such as:

- School-Sponsored Activities and Field Trips
- Scholarships
- Food Service Assistance
- Contribution to Ala Carte Program for all 7th-12th grade qualifying students
- Co-Curricular activity fees
- Memory Books/Yearbooks
- Class and School T-Shirts
- Other District-Sponsored Activities That Requires Fees



# Where can one donate to the SFAF?

Visit the Classmunity site to access the Waunakee Community School District Classmunity Student Financial Assistance Fund.

We appreciate the support of our community to ensure that all students have access and can participate in school activities regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Click [here](#) to access the Classmunity site.



# How do families apply for Free and Reduced Lunch?

The Committee and Student Financial Assistance Fund is focused on Waunakee students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and families who are experiencing a financial crisis.

Please visit the website for more information:

<http://www1.taherfood4life.org/schools/waunakee/freereduced-meals/>

If you have additional questions, please contact (608) 849-2185. The application needs to be filled out completely. If you need an additional copy of the application, you can request a form from the school office, school social workers, or Taher Food Service.





# Future Plans of the SFAF

The committee is evaluating potential partnerships for community-based activities for qualifying 4K-12 students. Discussions are currently taking place with the Village of Waunakee regarding the Village Center programs.

Our goal is to make sure that qualifying students are able to participate in the same programs as all other students in the Waunakee community.



# How you can help?

- If questions, please connect with your building social worker.
- Please make sure that all students and families are aware of this program.
- One way you can help is by always including the following statement on communications to your families:

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# Questions?

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**THANK YOU!**

