



# Wylie ISD Education Foundation

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Maegan Lunte, Board President  
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## Our Mission

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To promote quality education by supporting educational enhancements through innovative programs and initiatives in Wylie ISD:

**Scholarships, Backpacks, School Supplies and Teacher Grants**

# Foundation Board of Directors – Applications to join the board open March 1 - Working Board focused on Fundraising



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# Scholarships for Seniors

Promoting student excellence.

- Scholarships for Seniors
  - May 2023, the Foundation awarded **76 scholarships totaling \$70,600 (13% increase from 2022)**
  - Since May 2008 we have awarded **\$634,125** in scholarships
  - Scholarship Applications for Seniors open on February 1 and close March 1, 2024.
  - Fuel City Crosstown Showdown Raised \$10,000 with a 60/40 split for WEHS and WHS for 2024



# Teacher Supply Closet

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- August- surveyed WISD teachers
- Received community donations
- Thank you, Wylie ISD for your support – purchasing, maintenance, facilities and so much more!
- Packed and delivered supplies for 1,100 staff in September-October valued at \$36,798
- Continue to provide gift cards and supplies in monthly drawings
- Looking to expand supply closet for 2024-25 school year





# Welcome to Wylie

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- First event held Tuesday, October 2, 2023
- Connected with 125 families through email
- Hosted 35 people
- Looking forward to growing the event and hosting again to make valued connections within the community.



# Grants for Teachers

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The primary purpose of the Wylie ISD Education Foundation is to provide Grants for Teachers.

- November 2023, the Foundation provided **63 grants** totaling **\$135,862** to 19 campuses (**29% increase in grant funds from 2022**)
- Since 2022 the Foundation has awarded **662 grants** to teachers and campuses totaling **\$1,580,900**
- Surprise grants coming this spring!





# Wylie ISD Education Foundation Endowments

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## General Endowment Information

We added **7 new Endowments in 2023**.

We now have 64 fully funded endowments: **41 scholarships and 23 grants**. The Foundation's investment values increased by 39% in 2023 to \$2,229,639.

The Foundation's endowed annual minimum commitment to Wylie ISD is \$82,750.

In 2023 we gave \$230,000 to Wylie ISD through scholarships, grants, backpacks, new hire gifts and the teacher supply closet.

## New Endowments funded in 2023

- Boots 'N Barbecue Mission Moment Grant
- Groves PTA Scholarship
- Horak Family Scholarship
- Olivia St. John Grant
- Sofia and Daniela Mendoza Scholarship
- Wayne Larsen Memorial Scholarship
- WISD Employees Grant

## Endowment currently being funded

- Dr. Cheryl Kaye Scott Scholarship





- 2023 Boots 'N Barbecue raised **over \$341,000** with 750 attendees— this was our **highest grossing gala to date, a 55% increase** over the previous highest grossing gala in 2022.
- Over the past 20 years the Gala has raised nearly **\$3 million** for Grants for Teachers, Scholarships for Seniors, Backpacks for students and the Teacher Supply Closet.
  - **Boots 'N Barbecue will be March 23, 2024, at the Plano Event Center**
    - Still accepting sponsorships and donations for silent or live auction.
    - Garrison Legacy Award nominations open until January 31.
  - Volunteers needed – set up, decorations, check-in, check-out, at Plano Event Center
  - After Party at Yard Dawgs – percentage of sales goes to support the Foundation.

# How Can Get Involved with the WISD Education Foundation?

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1. Volunteer to review grants in October
2. Volunteer to review scholarships in March
3. Boots 'N Barbecue – volunteer to set up and decorate, or help register and check out guests, donate items for live or silent auction in March
4. Nominate someone for the Garrison Award – by January 31
5. Apply to join the Foundation board or serve on a committee
6. Create an endowment, donate passthrough funds for grants or scholarships, or donate to the general fund.



