



WATERTOWN-MAYER
EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Enhancing Education Through Community Support

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation,

On behalf of the WMEF Board of Directors, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity. Since our founding in 2017, your support has made a profound impact – fueling scholarships, classroom innovation, and grant programs that enhance our students' education.

2025 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

On May 8, 2025, we awarded **over \$90,000** in designated, memorial, and community scholarships to **68 graduating seniors**, marking our largest annual scholarship award to date. Every applicant received at least \$300, and we're incredibly proud to support students across academic, vocational, trade, and 2- and 4-year degree programs.

TEACHER INNOVATION & SPECIAL-NEEDS GRANTS

WMEF continued supporting educators with innovation grants – supporting classroom strategies, new programs, and special education initiatives, including the Lucy & Fred Spelkers Special Needs grant program.

BUILDING ENDOWMENT STABILITY

We've continued growing the Royal Endowment Fund to ensure sustained financial support for our mission. Contributions and recurring gifts are strengthening the foundation's long-term stability.

We are proud to share our accomplishments from last year in this report, and we thank each of you – our donors, sponsors and volunteers – who make our work possible.

Sincerely,
Pat Hittle Niermann, President



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ANOTHER RECORD-SETTING YEAR

For the third consecutive year, the WMEF raised more than \$100,000 in support of student scholarships and teacher grants!

Some highlights from the past year include:

- “Bust A Move: Dance for Education” and “Own The Crown” trap shoot competition – Our newest fundraisers brought energy and excitement while raising critical dollars for our mission.
- Expanded community outreach – We strengthened our visibility by participating in local events such as the Carver County Fair, Watertown Rails to Trails, Mayer Rising, and more.
- A successful cash raffle – This community favorite brought in over \$3,000 to support scholarships and grants.
- Stronger digital presence – By growing our social media reach, we’ve boosted awareness and engagement. WMEF now has 942 Facebook followers and 210 Instagram followers, helping us connect with more supporters than ever before.
- Endowment growth – Our Royal Crown Endowment Fund continues to grow steadily, ensuring long-term financial sustainability and impact for future generations. In May we honored our largest donors to the Endowment fund - 3-Crown donors Paul and Joan Nesvold, 2-Crown donor Russ Runck, 2-Crown donors Jim and Becky Burns, Chris and Dan Neaton of Neaton Brothers Erosion Control, and the Watertown Mayer FFA Alumni Association.



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We're also excited to launch our 2025 Raffle, featuring three incredible prizes:

- 1st Prize: 2025 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium (valued at \$17,900)
- 2nd Prize: Private wine & dinner night for 10 people (valued at \$1,000)
- 3rd Prize: \$500 in cash

Raffle tickets are available now at Marketplace Foods in Watertown, CorTrust Bank in Mayer, or from any WMEF board member.

Mark your calendars for another fun and exciting way to support our mission: "A Royal Evening for Education: Casino Night" – September 27 at the Watertown Community Center.

This action-packed evening will feature casino-style games, Pay-To-Win games including our first ever Human Slot Machine, a live auction, delicious food and drinks, plus the drawing for the winning ticket for the Polaris Ranger!

Together, we're building brighter futures – one student at a time.

Thank you WM Education Foundation and the donors that made it all possible. This scholarship will help make my goals and dreams more accessible as I begin my college education. Thank you for supporting such an amazing scholarship program that helped me and my classmates this year. ~ Natalie

Thank you so much for the generous gift to us all! Your work and contributions to the students of WM does not go unnoticed. I feel extremely blessed by this scholarship and will do my best to use it well. ~ Nicholas

Thank you for awarding me the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Community Scholarship! As a first-generation college student, I am immensely grateful for the financial support. The fact that my community lifts up my peers and I in this way truly means the world to me. I am looking forward to my education journey - thank you for being a part of it! ~ Emma

Thank you for this scholarship! It will truly help with my financial needs next year. Watertown-Mayer has been more than just a school to me. It's been a home and a family. I am beyond thankful. ~ Addie

It is an honor to receive this scholarship. I am so thankful and it is greatly appreciated. I will be sure to pass on the generosity! ~ Jaeger



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ACCOUNT BALANCES AND FINANCIALS

7/01/2024 - 6/30/2025

ACCOUNT	BEG. BALANCE	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	END. BALANCE
GENERAL CHECKING	\$55,718.21			
Fundraising income		\$48,363.00		
Misc. income		\$40.00		
Account transfers		\$21,977.50		
Scholarship donations		\$17,803.22		
Business expenses			(\$3,570.86)	
Insurance			(\$1,397.33)	
Fundraiser expenses			(\$32,888.00)	
Grants			(\$4,379.65)	
Scholarships			(\$29,080.00)	\$72,586.09
RAFFLE ACCOUNT	\$1,810.00			
Raffle sales		\$16,655.00		
Account transfer			(\$13,675.00)	\$4,790.00
ENDOWMENT FUND	\$5,337.06			
Account transfer		\$10,635.00		
Investment gain/loss		\$1,008.29		\$16,980.35
SPEIKERS ACCOUNT	\$5,794.55			
Donations		\$2,500.00		
Grants			(\$1,949.00)	\$6,345.55
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS	\$96,009.51			
Donations		\$64,082.85		
Interest earned		844.10		
Scholarships			(\$50,455.00)	\$78,366.66
Transfers			(\$32,114.80)	
GRAND TOTALS	\$164,669.33	\$183,908.96	(\$169,509.64)	\$179,068.65



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