



# 2024-2025 Annual Report

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## **Mission**

The mission of the Maize Education Foundation is to enhance excellence in education for all students. We will expand our relationships within the community and with local businesses to provide unique educational opportunities in our schools, thereby stimulating optimism, inspiration and enthusiasm among students and teachers.

## **Vision**

To be the premier non-profit organization supporting educational excellence in the Maize Public Schools.

## **Core Values**

Dedication | Perseverance | Innovation | Civic responsibility  
Passion | Integrity | Tenacity | Compassion

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## A message from the President

This past year with the Maize Education Foundation has been one of both celebration and vision. As I conclude my two years serving as President, I am grateful for the opportunity to witness firsthand how our community's generosity directly impacts classrooms, teachers, and students across Maize Schools.

Some of the most meaningful moments for me this year was seeing how foundation dollars were being used firsthand. Many things we may have all seen in the hallways and didn't realize the foundation's part in making it happen. Programs like the STEAM labs or the hydroponic gardens (one of my favorites). Watching students harvest vegetables, then deliver them to the cafeteria to be used later was a beautiful picture of curiosity, learning, and nourishment coming together. Another highlight was walking the playground at Pray Woodman to see the Story Walk, a project that not only reinforces literacy but also invites families and community members to learn and grow together beyond the classroom walls.

The impact of our annual Gala also continues to amaze me. Hearing the excitement of teachers whose classroom projects were funded and watching our community step forward to meet other grant needs reminded me that generosity is contagious. And during our Spring Breakfast at the Maize Career Academy, I saw how our district is not only making learning innovative but ensuring students are career-ready as they prepare for life after high school. These are the kinds of investments that ripple far beyond a single classroom or school year.

I am proud of what we've accomplished together, but I am even more excited about what's ahead. In the coming year, the Foundation will be launching new opportunities for our community to invest (through the creation of an endowment and an annual giving campaign). These efforts will allow us to expand our reach and sustain our mission for years to come.

Now, I want to leave you with a challenge: Imagine the difference we can make if each of us takes a step to invest in our students' future. Whether through a one-time gift or a recurring donation, your support ensures that every teacher has the tools they need and every student has the opportunity to succeed. I invite you to join me in continuing this work, because when we all contribute, we all thrive.

With gratitude,  
Terry Johnson  
President, Maize Education Foundation

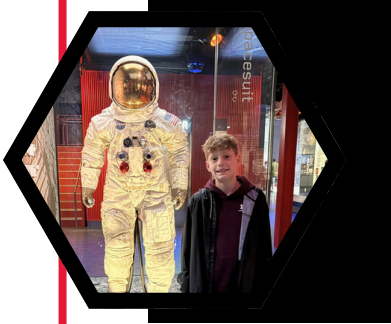




## Scholarships

\$6,000 Allocated

The Foundation continues the support of graduating Maize USD 266 students by offering scholarships. Through private funding and public contributions, the Foundation currently maintains three funds in support of these scholarships.



## Student Enrichment Grants

\$14,995 Allocated

Students in grades 7-12 may apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help cover the costs associated with certain educational activities and experiences such as leadership seminars, educational camps, community service projects, and more.



## Employee Appreciation

\$14,197 Allocated


The Foundation supports several Teacher Appreciation initiatives such as Summer Send Off, Teacher Appreciation Week, Fill the Bus, First Year Teacher Stipends, Celebrating Excellence Awards, and more.



## Challenge Grants

\$32,715 Allocated

Challenge Grants are awarded every year to Maize USD 266 employees in order to enhance programs for student learning. These grants offer opportunities in and out of the classroom for educators to give students a competitive education and encourage civic engagement and leadership.



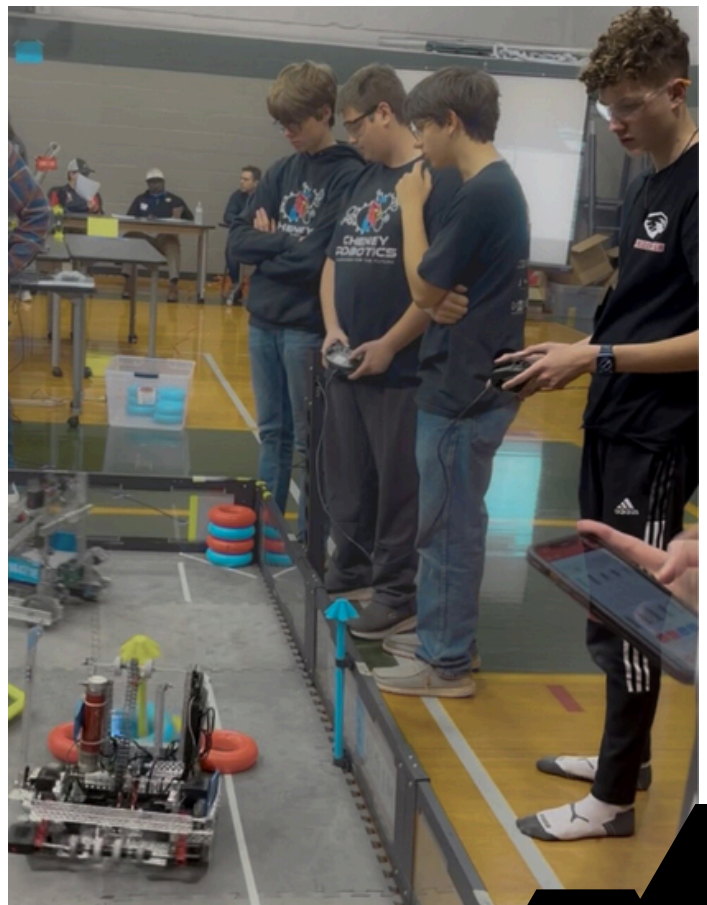
*Maize High School sophomore Carter Askew used Student Enrichment Grant funding to cover registration fees and supplies for VEX robotics competitions during the 2024-25 season. His involvement in robotics has provided hands-on experiences that connect directly to his academic interests and future career goals. When reflecting on how robotics has impacted his educational path, Carter shared that he has developed a deeper interest in engineering, technology, and aerospace courses.*

*About the robotics club itself, Carter said, “My time in the robotics club has allowed me to realize just how much time and effort is needed to be skilled at this particular group, but I welcome the challenge and want to be talented in the field of robotics.”*

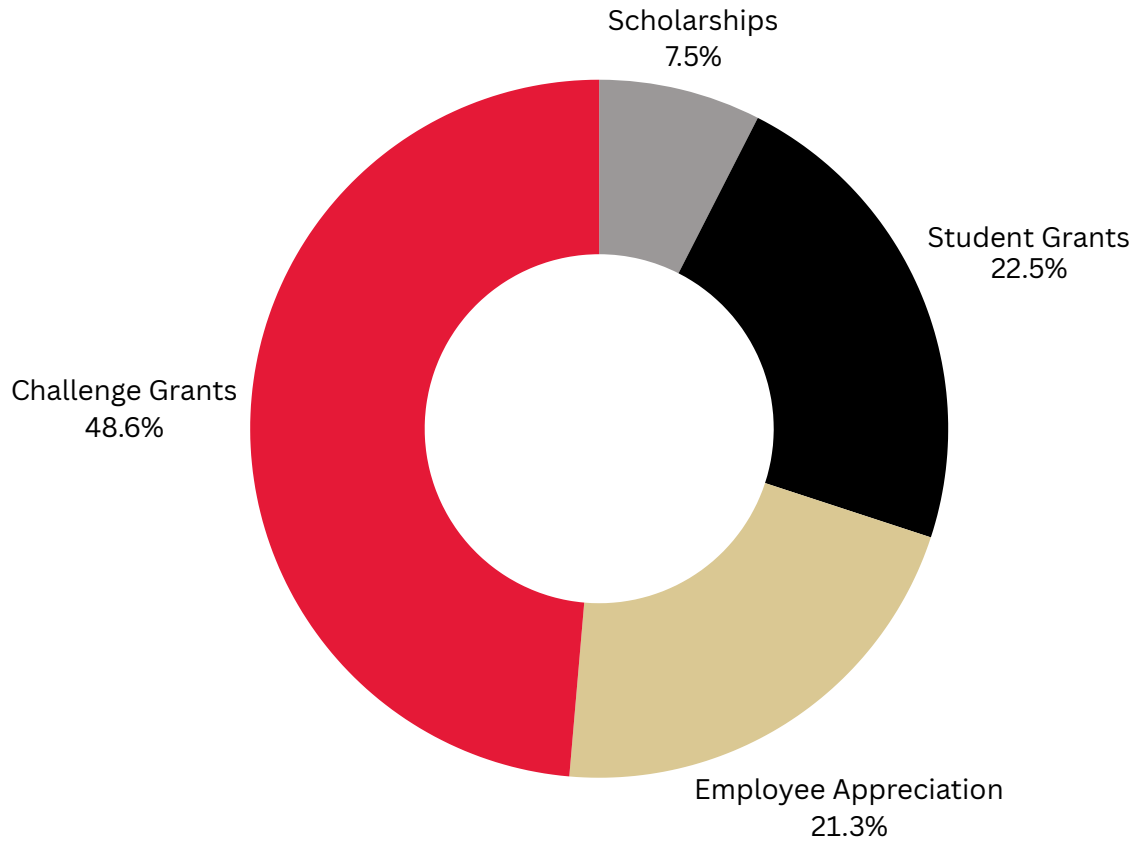
*Beyond competitions, Carter noted that his time in robotics has helped him strengthen practical skills such as CAD software design, keeping detailed engineering notebooks, and utilizing pneumatic systems. These skills not only enhance his classroom learning but also prepare him to lead his team to success at future robotics tournaments.*

*The Student Enrichment Grant program plays a vital role in supporting students like Carter by reducing financial barriers and encouraging exploration of unique academic opportunities.*

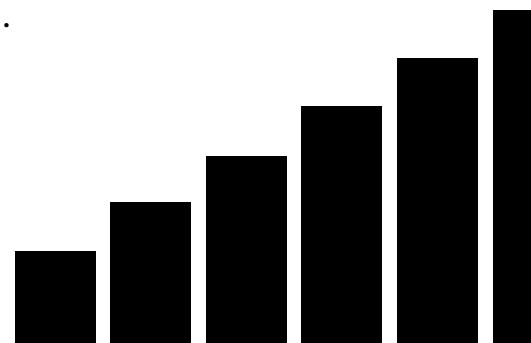
**“With a little focused time and effort, this enrichment grant can open the possibilities to whole new career opportunities and interests.”**



# Program Allocations



At Maize Education Foundation, we are dedicated to enriching the educational experience for both students and educators across our district. Our diverse range of programs is designed to inspire innovation, celebrate excellence, and support academic achievement. From Challenge Grants for educators to Student Enrichment Grants, we are committed to fostering growth at every level. Additionally, we offer first-year teacher stipends to support new educators, honor outstanding contributions by supporting the district's Celebrating Excellence Awards, and provide scholarships to help students achieve their higher education dreams. Together, we help students succeed.



**Consolidated Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2025**

**Revenue, Gains, and Other Support**

Fundraising Revenues	\$180,043
Miscellaneous Gifts and Donations	\$8,247
<b>Total Revenue, Gains, and Other Support</b>	<b>\$188,290</b>

**Expenses**

Grants and Scholarships	\$55,057
Staff Appreciation	\$11,317
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$66,374</b>

Fundraising Expenses	\$50,895
Administrative and Overhead	\$40,648
<b>Total Overhead</b>	<b>\$90,804</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$157,178</b>
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**Statement of Financial Position Year  
Ended June 30, 2025**

**Assets**

Operating Checking Account	\$77,682
Money Market Accounts	\$80,077
Investments	\$52,916
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$210,675</b>

**Net Assets**

Unrestricted Funds	\$139,380
Restricted Funds	\$18,379
Restricted Endowment	\$52,916
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$210,675</b>





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