



**Empowering Education. Investing in the Future.**

**Senior Scholarship Awards 2026**

# Grand Prairie Education Foundation ~ Who We Are

- The oldest foundation in the State of Texas  
founded by Ruthe Jackson and John Wright in November 1970.



A legacy of impact, innovation, and opportunity!

# Mission Statement

The Board of the GPISD Education Foundation is composed of leaders of the greater Grand Prairie Community. The Mission of the GPISD Education Foundation is to promote educational excellence and to inspire community ownership, commitment, confidence, and pride in the GPISD.



# Teacher Grant Impact

- Funds innovative classroom projects
- Brings creativity and new learning experiences
- Directly impacts thousands of students



# Senior Scholarships

- Support graduating seniors
- Reduces financial barriers
- Invests in future leaders



# GPISD Education Foundation Support

- Strengthens district-wide initiatives
- \$30,000 Student Attendance
- Teacher Grants
- Senior Scholarships
- Pre-K program support
  - Strategic support for identified student needs
  - Supports STEM & career pathways
  - Expands opportunities for all students
  - Expands opportunities for all teachers



# Community Impact

- Strong schools = strong community
- Education drives economic growth
- Every contribution changes lives



# Fundraising Events

- Annual Fund Giving Campaign
- Dr. Susan Simpson Memorial Golf Tournament
- Casino Teacher of the Year Gala
- Since 2026, the GPISD Education Foundation has provided over \$1.5 million in financial support for a variety of initiatives.



# Call to Action

- Support teacher innovation
- Invest in student success
- Partner with us, become a Champion for Education!



# Closing

- Grand Prairie ISD Education Foundation

“Because when we invest in education, we don’t just change classrooms... we change lives.”



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