

# ABOUT THE GLEF



## Mission:

The mission of the Grass Lake Educational Foundation is to enhance, augment, enrich, update and diversify the educational experiences and opportunities for the students, staff, parents and community members of Grass Lake Community Schools in the areas of Instruction, Curriculum, Technology, Scholarships, Leadership, Capitol Projects and Facilities.

## How is the GLEF Funded?

The GLEF is funded by private and corporate donations, foundation grants, endowments, fund raisers and special projects.

## Mini-Grants:

In recent years the major projects

that have been funded through the foundation are teacher mini-grants. Teachers must adhere to a mini-grant application process. Mini-grants have been awarded throughout the years for special projects or considerations in Reading, Technology, Science, Library, Music, Art, Nature, and many other content areas.

## Future Projects:

The GLEF is looking to expand its funding allocations beyond Teacher Mini-Grants. Future Projects could include additional resources for technology, media, facilities, scholarships and other capitol projects.

## Why do we need GLEF?

The GLEF understands that school funding alone cannot provide the opportunities we want or expect for our students. The challenge of our rapidly changing and diverse technological world cannot be met by schools alone. It will take time, energy, funding, and a commitment on the part of parents, students, businesses, and community members.



# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**Your time, energy and talents are critical to the success of the GLEF. If you are interested in getting involved, please call us at (517) 522-5540.**

You may contribute to the Foundation in the following ways:

- Check or cash donation
- Wills, trusts or part of an estate plan
- Memorial contributions with a special designation
- Endowments

## Definitions of Contribution Areas:

**Teacher Mini Grants:** Teachers file applications for special and specific projects that will enhance and enrich student learning and leadership, or promote rich instructional practices.

**Individual School Funding - including Elementary, Middle School and High School:** These funds would be used to enrich the school experience. These activities include, but are not limited to: field trips, academic success, leadership opportunities, assemblies, camps and supplemental materials.

**Endowment Fund:** This fund would be earmarked for future projects that would fall within the parameters of the GLEF mission and the Grass Lake Community Schools Strategic Plan. These funds would earn interest and could be transferred to other accounts by GLEF Board approval.

**Capitol Project/Facility Fund:** These funds would be used for Capitol Projects/facility needs of the district. These funds could be combined with other funding sources for specific capitol or facility needs.

**K-12 Media and Library Fund:** These funds would be used for specific media center/library needs, including books, periodicals, AV equipment, technology or other media center/library supplies and materials.



## "STARS FOR STUDENTS" TIER



### Platinum Donation

**\$5,000 or more**

6" Black Star with gold lettering, engraved with business or individual name and donation, hung in a prominent place within the district.

### Gold Donation

**\$2,000—\$4,999**

4" Gold Star with black lettering, engraved with business or individual name and donation, hung in a prominent location within the district.

### Silver Donation

**\$1,000—\$1,999**

4" Silver Star with black lettering, engraved with business or individual name and donation, hung in a prominent location within the district.



### Bronze Donation

**\$250—\$999**

4" Bronze Star with black lettering, engraved with business or individual name and donation, hung in a prominent place within the district.

### Patron Donation

**\$5.00—\$249**

2" White Star with black lettering, engraved with business or individual name and donation, hung in a prominent location within the district.

Each contribution level will also be acknowledged in a variety of ways, including Smoke Signals, PTO or building newsletters, on the district website ([www.grasslakeschools.com](http://www.grasslakeschools.com)), and in a new GLEF brochure produced each year.

## CONTRIBUTION FORM

Yes, I would like to make a contribution to the Grass Lake Community Schools Education. Please find enclosed the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I would like the Grass Lake Educational Foundation to use my contribution as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Mini-Grants
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual School Funding
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School
  - \_\_\_\_\_ High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capitol Project Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ K-12 Media/Library Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ My Employer matches contributions to a Community Foundation.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

The Grass Lake Educational Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and, as such, donations qualify as charitable contributions on both the Michigan and Federal income tax returns. Checks should be made payable to the Grass Lake Educational Foundation.

## GRASS LAKE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



**The Grass Lake Educational Foundation** is a non-profit educational resource founded in 1985. It is separate from the Grass Lake Community Schools and the Grass Lake Board of Education. The GLEF exists to provide additional sources of support for the students and staff of Grass Lake Community Schools.

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