



\$35,000

awarded in teacher grants

6,400

students in our city schools

1,000

HCPS teachers and staff

230+

families served by the Backpack Coalition

20

years of awarding scholarships

9

schools (+1 under construction)

1

Harrisonburg Education Foundation



Join our spring appeal: mid February until school gets out.

Harrisonburg Education Foundation (HEF) exists to bridge the gap between the unmet needs in our classrooms and for community action. In these challenging times, collaborations of support are essential for success. Your education foundation is working for our community in the following ways:

Funding innovative ideas for educators and students

Experiential learning and the opportunity to understand content in a dynamic way is funded by HEF Innovative Educator Grants. At Waterman Elementary, students think critically and creatively as they transform their 2-dimensional designs into real world objects. Harrisonburg High School students will have the equipment necessary to measure, study and evaluate their local air quality. Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center will provide an outdoor classroom with enriched educational experiences for preschool children. And so much more; find a complete list of grant projects on the HEF website.

For many financially strained students who cannot afford enrichment opportunities outside of school, grant funding is highly impactful. It expands the world of education and learning for both teachers and students. HEF grants allow teachers to present information in different and exciting ways, often partnering with local volunteers, agencies and organizations in their projects.

Supporting the Backpack Coalition

Throughout Harrisonburg, HEF has rallied volunteers and support for supplemental weekend food programs for kids. Our school system provides meals for kids at school while the weekend gap in assistance is being filled by community volunteers and their charitable dollars. With almost 75% of Harrisonburg City School Students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and a city wide poverty rate of almost 30%, weekend Backpack Programs meet the basic needs of struggling students. We seek to ensure every child arrives on Monday morning with a full stomach, ready to learn.

Promoting post-secondary scholarships

HEF has a long tradition of awarding scholarships to students to further their education beyond high school. Scholarships are awarded yearly and help students advance the trajectory of their lives and educational experiences. The 14 scholarships are exclusively for seniors in the Harrisonburg City Schools. Each scholarship is unique and come from a variety of sponsors.

Inspiring teacher appreciation

As Virginia continues to face a teacher shortage, a strong education foundation encourages the retention of our talented educators. Harrisonburg Education Foundation seeks feedback from school personnel and in turn, relays collaboration and support opportunities to the community. By appreciating, communicating and collaborating with our teachers, we can build a stronger and more stable educational system for our students.

In addition to these initiatives, HEF is an active, volunteer-driven partner in HCPS STEM Day, Stuff the Bus and other cross-organization efforts. Your HEF board also began a listening tour to better understand the needs of our school community and grow the direction of our education foundation's response accordingly.

A great non-profit is adaptable in its initiatives, offering support and resilience to the people it serves. Every HEF initiative and project responds to present challenges. As the vitality of our schools is measured by community involvement, ***your support is indispensable.***

Help every child grow into their greatest potential and

together our community will **FILOURISH.**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS	\$100	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Year-Round Benefits							
Name listed on the HEF appeal webpage							
Logo and link on the HEF appeal webpage							
Newsletter mention							
Social media promotion						Match	Video
Sponsor name/logo on website footer							
Presentation opportunity							
Teacher Appreciation <i>(received for April 20th)</i>							
Gift delivered to teacher(s) in your name			1	2	3	4	5
Announced as Teacher Appreciation Sponsor Media Release							
Logo/Name on all Teacher Appreciation materials including 1,000 HCPS deliveries							
Celebration Event Benefits <i>(June 3rd with COVID contingencies)</i>							
Complimentary tickets	1	2	4	6	8	10	12
Name in program/signage							
Logo in Event materials							
Announcement of support at event							

Our most generous donors (\$2,500+) will receive these additional benefits:

Named Innovative Educator Grants	With a donation amount listed above, a grant of...		
A grant named in your honor with the award amount given to the educator of...	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Recognition within the school district			
Highlighted in media announcement			
Webpage featuring selected project with business logo or honoree name			
Possible classroom visit for donor or other interaction with educator			
Grant can encourage specific innovation (art, science, financial literacy, etc)			

COMMITMENT FORM

Please complete this form and email it to HEF@harrisonburg.k12.va.us or mail it to:

Harrisonburg Education Foundation
One Court Square
Harrisonburg VA 22801

Yes, I would like to support HEF with a contribution to the Flourish Spring Appeal in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ |

Contact Information

Sponsor / Donor Name _____

Representative / Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

How would you like to be listed in recognition? _____

Increase your Impact

Pledge to support during the Great Community Give (GCG), April 20, 2022. Donations on this day make HEF eligible for additional financial incentives. HEF will send you reminders to give on that day and provide links and guidance. Gifts can be online or by check.

- Yes, please remind me to give during GCG on April 20th

Payment Information

The Harrisonburg Education Foundation is a non-profit organization with a tax designation of 501(C)(3).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (please make checks payable to Harrisonburg Education Foundation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid online via https://tinyurl.com/HEFflourish . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please provide an invoice . | <input type="checkbox"/> I pledge to give on April 20th during GCG. |



Thank you for your generosity and support!