



Lake Forest High School Foundation

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lake Forest High School Foundation?

The Lake Forest High School Foundation (the "Foundation") is a not-for-profit corporation which was established in 2001. Our mission is to acquire and distribute resources to enrich learning opportunities for LFHS students, staff and community. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Exactly what does the Foundation do?

The Foundation acquires financial donations from the community and businesses and funds grants that enhance the learning experiences of all students.

What is the process for evaluating potential grants?

A formal grant application is available to the high school staff, students, and community in the Fall and Spring to enable applicants to request funding for their ideas and projects. Each applicant is asked to explain the following:

1. What do you want to accomplish? (goals)
2. Why do you want to do it? (demonstrate need for project)
3. How will it be done? (execution/implementation)
4. How does project support Foundation mission to enhance education through student development, staff excellence and/or community collaboration?
5. Who will be involved in this project? Who will benefit? (number of students)
6. How will project be evaluated to determine success?
7. What resources will be needed? (Cost)

Each grant is thoughtfully and carefully reviewed by the Grants Committee to ensure that it meets the Foundation's criteria and mission statement. The Foundation's Board of Trustees makes the final decision on which grants to approve.

How successful has the Foundation been in achieving its mission?

The total dollar amount of grants funded exceeds \$300,000 in just five years. These grants cross all areas of curriculum and afford the opportunity to "pilot" new programs and purchase state-of-the-art equipment.

There are so many organizations that seek funding at LFHS. Why should I donate to the Foundation?

While other organizations raise funds for specific groups, the Foundation raises funds for the enrichment of all students.

How can I learn more?

Please visit www.lfhsfoundation.org for further information.