

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation 2024 Annual Report Summary April 8th, 2025

Education Foundation Metrics: (The following are values detailed in the Foundation's December 31, 2024, financial report.)

1. Total Assets	\$1,698,387
Net Assets Restricted:	\$1,621,389
Net Assets Unrestricted:	\$76,998
2. *Statement of Activity – Unrestricted Funds:	
Cash Receipts	\$41,150
Cash Disbursements	\$40,260
Investment Income (Expenses):	\$3,850
3. **Statement of Activity – Restricted Funds:	
Cash Receipts	\$130,504
Cash Disbursements	\$66,904
Investment Income (Expenses)	\$116,389

* Donations received with no restrictions, includes Edward Jones Foundation CD and general investments accounts. Expenses in parentheses is an investment loss due to the stock market.

** Donations received with restrictions are generally scholarships. Expenses in parentheses is an investment loss due to the stock market.

Education Foundation Purpose Statement:

The purposes of the Ellensburg School District Education Foundation are to:

- (1) promote educational programs for the Ellensburg School District No. 401, Ellensburg, Washington;
- (2) provide a committee to review program ideas and to make grants to the schools, departments, staff, individual students, and student groups in furtherance of the purposes of the Ellensburg School District;
- (3) raise funds to meet the above objectives through donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations as well as a through sponsorship of fundraising events;
- (4) act as a fiscal agent for donors who wish to sponsor projects, grants, and scholarships for the schools, staff, and students;
- (5) establish endowment funds on such terms and conditions as established by the Board of Directors of the Ellensburg School District Education Foundation and as reflected, as needed, by these Bylaws, as amended from time to time; and
- (6) engage in any and all other lawful endeavors of a non-profit corporation.

Education Foundation Why Statement:

The Foundation provides resources and recognition for all students in an equitable way so they can reach their full potential.

Education Foundation Organization Summary:

Launched in the fall of 2001, the Ellensburg School District Education Foundation began when a group of community leaders recognized that not all the growing challenges in the public school system could be met through traditional funding sources. The Foundation's goal is to enhance programs, equipment, and services available to the Ellensburg public school students and staff.

Schools, departments, student and parent groups, faculty and administrators are encouraged to develop innovative programs and projects for their schools and submit them to the Foundation for their funding consideration. To qualify, it must be shown that the project cannot be funded through traditional means.

The Foundation also assists individuals and organizations to create, and manage family and organization sponsored scholarships. In addition, the ESDEF coordinates all EHS senior scholarships presented through the Unified Scholarship Project. We also assist district parent groups in purchasing reasonable liability insurance through a liability insurance pool managed by the Foundation and an insurance broker.

The Foundation Board is comprised of nine community volunteers who manage and conduct the functions and purposes of the Foundation. The Foundation is a 501 c (3), nonprofit organization by the Internal revenue Service and all donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. The Foundation's EIN number is: 91-216338.

Education Foundation Key Accomplishments in 2024:

- Spent a total of \$77,310 funding grants for staff, scholarships, and students in the Ellensburg School District.
- Spent \$15,070 for Academic Support (Learning Enhancement Awards)
- Spent \$477 for Donations (Bookmobile)
- Spent \$6,530 for Basic Student Needs (Caring Cupboard)
- Spent \$53,475 for Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
- Spent \$1,279 for K – 12 teacher/staff recognition. Teamed with the four elementary school building parent groups/council to help fund teacher/staff recognition at the elementary level.
- Provided liability Insurance through the Foundation Liability Insurance Pool for eleven parent groups/councils and organizations.

Education Foundation Key Projects & Events:

- Held a remarkably successful Super Bowl Warm Up fundraiser on February 7, 2025, over \$20,300 (in gross terms) to support students and staff in the Ellensburg School District.
- Approved funding \$16,381 in Learning Enhancement Awards in November of 2024 to be paid out to teachers/staff for the balance of fiscal year 2024, and through fiscal year 2025.
- Recognized 75 youths at the County Youth Awards event in the spring of 2024 sponsored by the Foundation and Rodeo City Kiwanis and 25 youths in 2025.

Education Foundation Goals:

- Recruit new Foundation Board members to bring the Board up to 10 or more.
- Increase the sales of the number of Legacy Tile Wall tiles that recognize students, staff, and community members/organizations and businesses at Ellensburg High School.

Education Foundation Contacts:

- Visit the Foundation's website at www.ESDEF.net for all the detailed information concerning the Ellensburg School District Education Foundation.
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