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The Linn-Mar School Foundation: Who We Are & What We Do

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Who We Are

LINN-MAR School Foundation

An independent nonprofit raising funds to support educational opportunities for Linn-Mar students and educators.

Established in 1985

The Foundation has been supporting educational opportunities for students and educators for more than four decades.

Independent & Community-Led

A 501(c)(3) guided by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Provide District-Wide Support

Provide financial support for students and educators throughout Linn-Mar's PK–12 schools.

Connect Community & LMCSD

Bring together donors, businesses, and district partners to create opportunities for Linn-Mar students and educators.

How the Foundation Is Funded

LINN-MAR School Foundation

Community generosity makes our work possible.

Individual Giving

Contributions from individuals, families, alumni, and community members, including Annual Giving.

Business Partnerships

Businesses support Foundation programs, grants, and events through donations and sponsorships.

Fundraising Events

Our annual Mane Event, Dine Out for Our Schools, and other fundraising activities.

Endowments & Designated Funds

Gifts and invested funds supporting specific scholarships, programs, and priorities.

Understanding Our Financial Resources

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Different funds. Different purposes. One mission.

Foundation-Directed

Unrestricted gifts and Foundation resources to support emerging needs, classroom grants, and district-wide opportunities.

Donor-Restricted Funds

Gifts designated for scholarships, student assistance, and specific educational programs or groups.

Endowment Funds

Invested funds that provide long-term support, guided by donor intentions and fund policies.

Not all Foundation funds are interchangeable. Each fund is managed according to its purpose and any donor restrictions.

Funding Allocation Pathways

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LINN-MAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION-DIRECTED FUNDING

Unrestricted gifts and Foundation resources. Our Board approves the annual budget and allocates funding to Foundation priorities.

Grants

Classroom and educator grants

Ongoing Programs

Stories Alive!
Orchestra Iowa

FACILITATED GIVING & FUND MANAGEMENT

We receive, manage, and distribute funds for donor-designated purposes, following donor intentions and Foundation policies.

Scholarships

Donor-funded scholarships

Designated Funds

Teams and clubs

Partner Grants

Outside grant support

Foundation-Directed Grants & Programs

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EEE Grants — $130,000

Innovative classroom resources, programs, and educational experiences that enhance student learning.

ELME Grants — $15,000

Up to $250 per educator for eligible classroom supplies, resources, and enrichment. Partnership with FSB.

Mary K. Muehl STEM Grant — $11,000

STEM education initiatives, classroom resources, and professional learning for PK–12 educators.

Ginger Halverson Inclusivity — $2,500

Specialized equipment that supports inclusion in physical education and student support settings.

Music Connects — $7,500

Removes barriers to 5th-8th grade band and orchestra participation by funding instruments, repairs, and lessons.

Champions for Kids — $6,000

Provides financial support to students and families to meet needs and expand opportunities for participation.

$172,000 Budgeted for Grants & Programs in the 26-27 Fiscal Year

How Grant Funding Decisions Are Made

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Foundation-directed funding follows established review and approval processes to ensure resources are used responsibly.

1. Apply

Educators and staff submit grant requests through Submittable, following the guidelines for each program.

2. Review

Requests are evaluated based on grant criteria, available funding, and student impact. Required district approvals are also verified.

3. Award

Grant payments follow established financial procedures, with most grants reimbursed directly to the LMCSD.

All approved grants require documentation, payment verification, and impact reporting.

Foundation-Funded Programs

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STORIES ALIVE!



2,800

students reached

Brings authors into Linn-Mar elementary schools to inspire creativity, reading, and a love of storytelling.

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ORCHESTRA IOWA



2,800

students reached

Introduces elementary students to live professional music, inspiring future music participation.

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Facilitated Giving & Fund Management

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We help donors turn their generosity into meaningful opportunities for Linn-Mar students by managing gifts designated for the programs and purposes they care about.

Senior Scholarships
$32,000+ in 26-27 FY

We facilitate donor-funded scholarships that help graduating Linn-Mar seniors pursue their educational goals, with 28 awards anticipated for the Class of 2027.

Designated Funds
Amount varies annually

We manage donor-designated funds and facilitate online fundraising for Linn-Mar group, clubs, and programs, ensuring gifts are allocated as intended.

Partner Grants
$20,000 in 26-27 FY

The Foundation facilitated two grants from the Giacoletto Foundation this year, with $10,000 awarded to both LMHS Band and Orchestra.

Looking Ahead

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Our priorities reflect a continued commitment to connecting community support with the needs of Linn-Mar students and educators.

Growing Community Support

Strengthen relationships with donors, businesses, and community partners to expand opportunities for Linn-Mar students.

Simplifying Access to Funding

Continue refining grant processes to make funding more accessible for educators and staff.

Continued District Partnerships

Work closely with district leadership and staff to understand needs and align Foundation support with district priorities.

Sharing Our Impact

Share stories and outcomes that demonstrate how Foundation support benefits Linn-Mar students, educators, and programs.

Thank You

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We're grateful to work alongside you in supporting Linn-Mar students and educators.

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