

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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1992-2017

Funding innovative enrichment programs for the students of Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.

About *Beyond the Books*

Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools.

Organized in 1992, the Foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.

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Mission Statement The mission of Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is to fund innovative enrichment programs for the students of McLean County Unit District No. 5 and Bloomington District 87 Public Schools.

How is the Foundation Structured? BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Illinois corporation that was formed in 1992. Its purpose is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base that will annually fund innovative academic programs in District 87 and Unit 5 public schools. All work of the Foundation is accomplished by private citizens who serve without salary as the Board of Directors. Annually, the Board elects officers and directors, reviews policies and practices, evaluates the funded projects and conducts a financial audit. The Boards of Education of Unit 5 and District 87 encouraged the formation of the Foundation and strongly support its efforts ... a partnership for innovation in public education.

What is the Process for Awarding Grants? Each winter, educators in both District 87 and Unit 5 are invited to submit a written grant application which describes the project, method of implementation, cost estimate and the value of the program to students. Applications are reviewed by the BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Board of Directors and funding is awarded according to established criteria. The selected programs are implemented the following school year.

What Kinds of Enrichment Programs are Funded? The objective of BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION is to fund innovative programs (which are not currently offered) that enhance educational experiences. The Foundation is committed to educational excellence in the core academic areas, the arts and humanities, sciences, and technology. All age levels and areas of study are considered.

What is the Financial Goal of the Foundation? BEYOND THE BOOKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION is working toward establishing an endowment fund of \$1,000,000 which will provide interest earnings to fund grants every year. The ongoing financial commitment of contributors to the Foundation can enable our children and our community to become the best they can be.

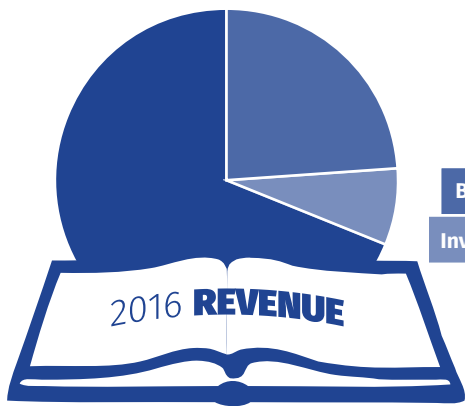
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2016

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In 2016, the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation had total revenues of \$139,113 from a combination of individual, business, and Beyond the Box contributions, and investment returns and interest.



Regular Contributions • \$33,376.00 • 24.0%

Beyond the Box Contributions • \$10,000.00 • 7.2%

Investment Returns & Interest • \$95,737.00 • 68.8%

2016 Grant Awards • \$50,825 • 81.8%

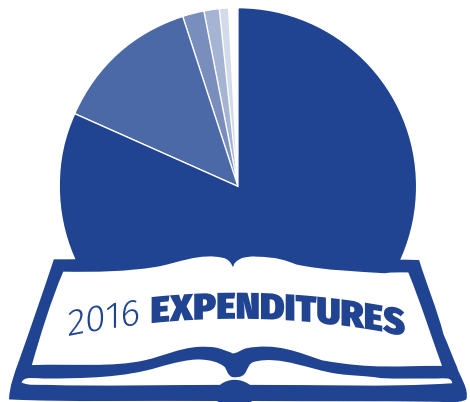
Professional Fees • \$8,241 • 13.3%

Mailing Supplies & Postage • \$1,277 • 2.1%

Promotional Materials • \$795 • 1.3%

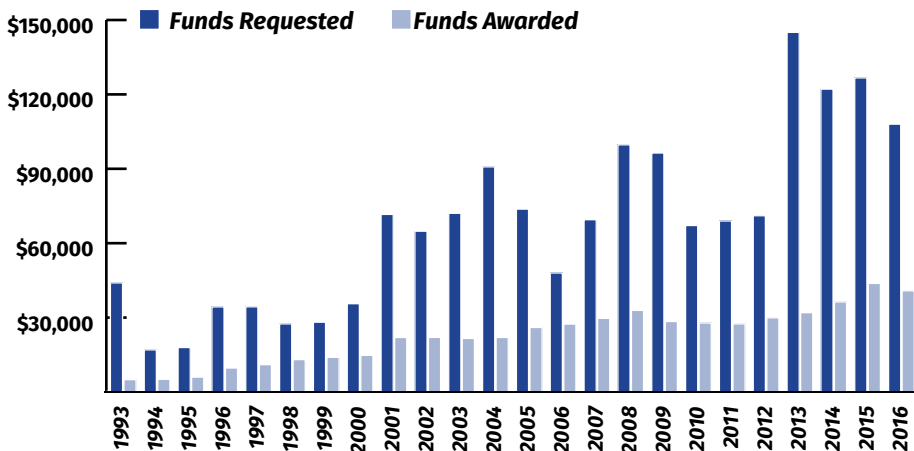
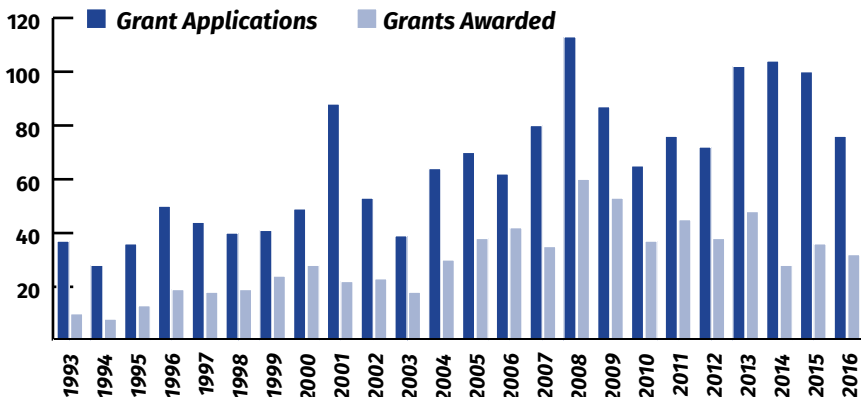
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Information Technology • \$480 • 0.8%



Grant Applications & Awards

Since Beyond the Books Educational Foundation began 25 years ago, the generosity of supporters has allowed the Foundation to fund 46% of the total applications submitted, and to provide 34% of the money requested for those innovative enrichment programs for the students of District 87 and Unit 5 public schools.



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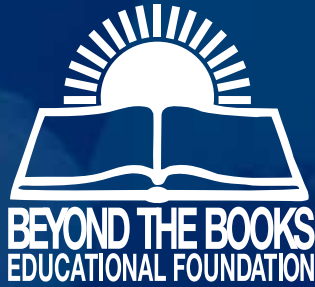
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