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Annual Report



BEYOND
THE BOOKS
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Empowering Educators to Inspire Students



About Beyond the Books

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation

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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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Empowering Educators



To Inspire Students



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 growing its endowment fund to provide funding for all eligible grants. The ongoing financial commitment of contributors to the Foundation can enable our children and our community to become the best they can be.

How Can I Contribute? • Your check, annual pledge or donation via PayPal is appreciated.

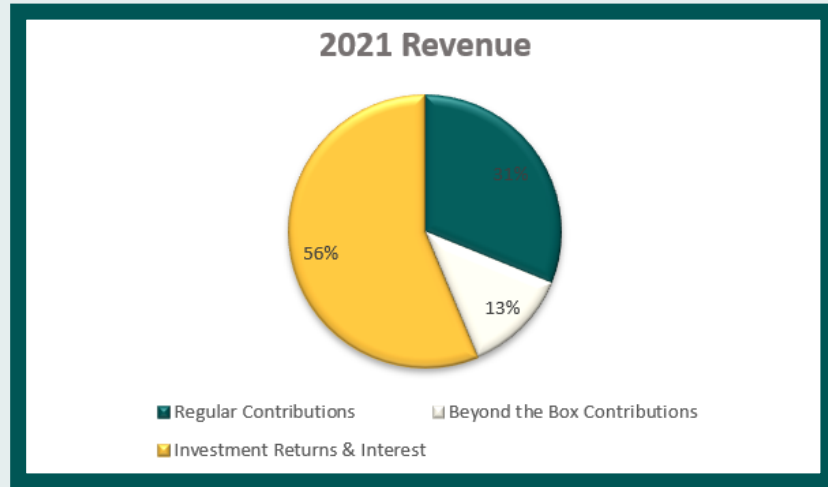
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- Remember someone with a Memorial gift.
- Name the Foundation in a bequest, real estate gift or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

Where do I Send my Donation? • Print, fill out and mail the Contribution/Pledge Card with checks payable to: Beyond The Books Educational Foundation P.O. Box 908 • Bloomington, IL 61702-0908

In 2021, the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation had total revenues of \$79,968 from a combination of individual, business, and Beyond the Box (BTB) contributions, and investment returns and interest.

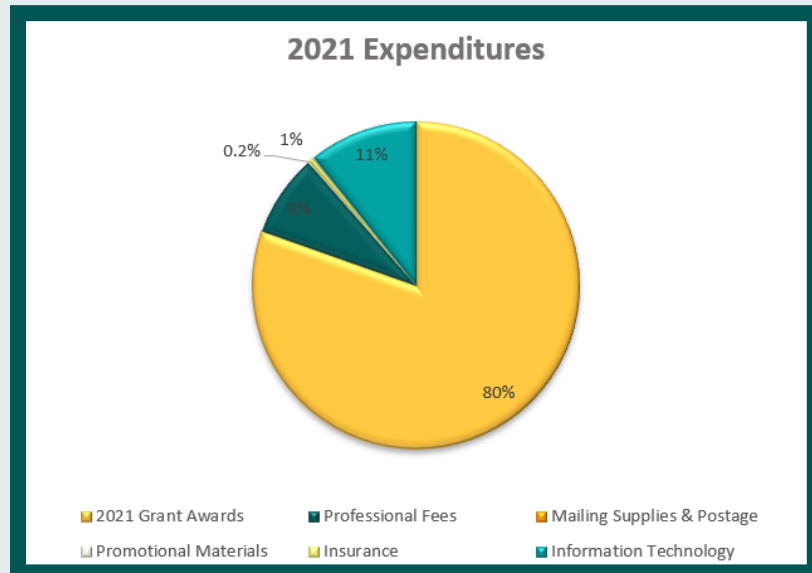
**Calendar Year 2021
Revenue Summary for Annual Report**

Regular Contributions	\$ 24,931
BTB Contributions	\$ 10,000
Investment Returns & Interest	\$ <u>45,037</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 79,968



**Calendar Year 2021
Expense Summary for Annual Report**

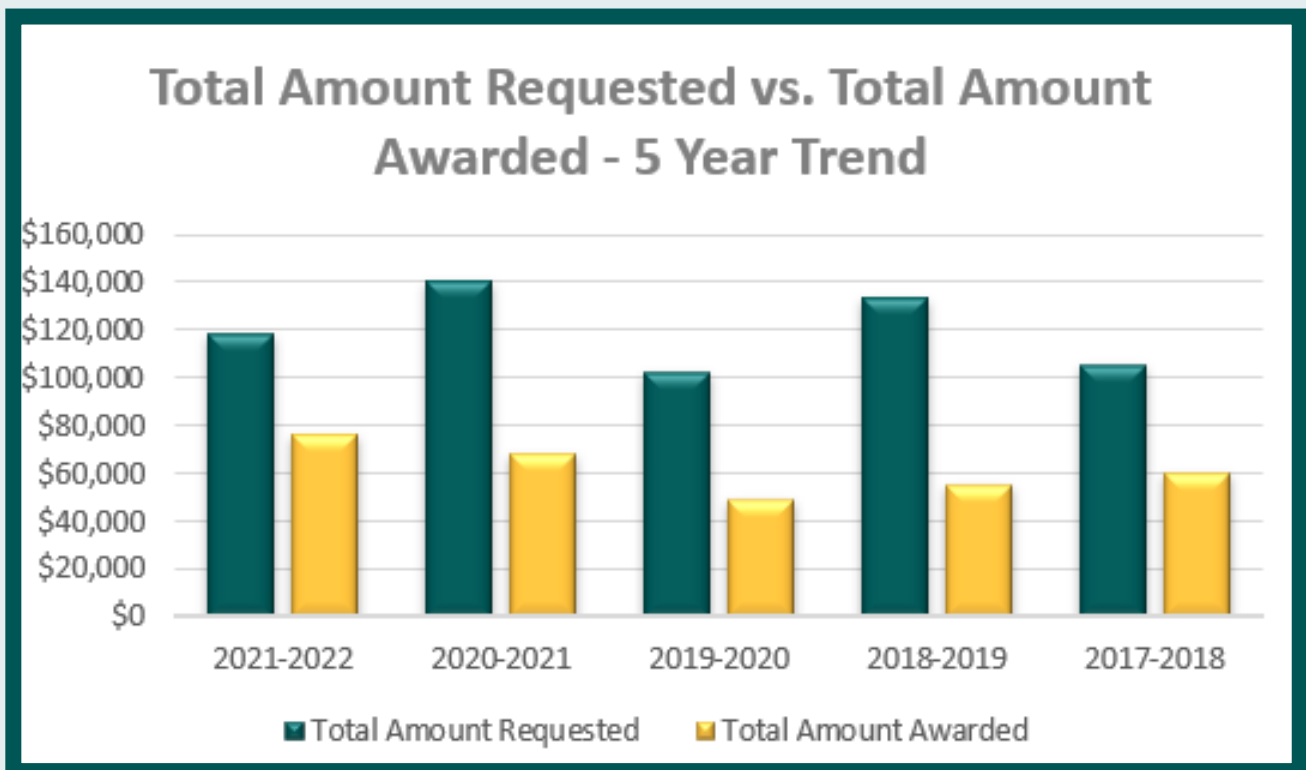
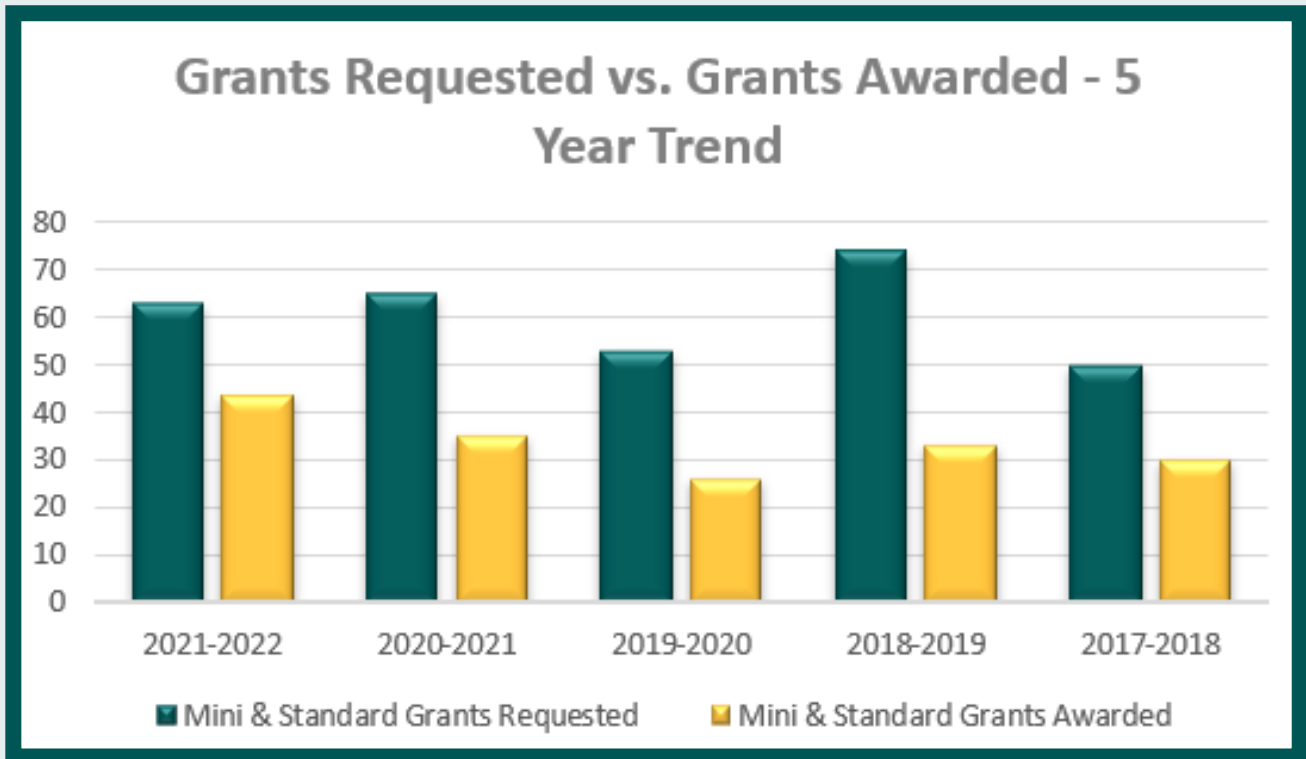
2021 Grant Awards	\$ 86,252
Professional Fees	\$ 8,696
Mailing Supplies & Postage	\$ 226
Promotional Materials	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 527
Information Technology	\$ <u>11,571</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 107,272



Grant Applications and Awards

In 2021, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation received 63 grant applications from educators in Unit 5 and District 87, requesting a total of **\$119,338**. Of those 63 applications, **44** projects were awarded a total of **\$76,276**.

Since 1992, **\$806,109** has been awarded to support **893** projects.



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Your generosity helps
fund innovative
enrichment programs.

See a list of grant winners at
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Elementary Schools

Benjamin

Mary Aper | \$400 | *You Can COUNT on First Grade!*

Lauren Romero | \$4,985 | *Orff Instruments –helping meet students where they’re at!*

Brigham

Melissa Adams-McCarthy | \$400 | *Books Alive: Using Objects, Actions, and Engaged Play to create Literacy*

Colene Hoose

Jason Alexander | \$1,315 | *Community Composting*

Glenn

Jamie Haseman | \$355 | *Collaboration Boxes*

Kim Harmon | \$4,900 | *A Path to Success!*

Pepper Ridge

Shauna Gourley | \$4,875 | *Feeding the Mind*

Prairieland

Kelli Halsey | \$2,803 | *STEAM Playground*

Oakland

Kristen Pahl | \$398 | *Selves on the Shelves: Creating a More Diverse Classroom Library*

Sarah Raymond

Noel Reidy | \$2,550 | *Reading is Radical*

Stevenson

Lisa Ellis | \$1,246 | *I can do it!*

Annie McWilliams | \$1,274 | *Eye Can Do Anything!*

Washington

Jayne Corcoran | \$1,995 | *Lessons That Students “Dig”*

Zach Freeman | \$1,999 | *Using LEGOs to Develop STEAM Leaders in our Classrooms & Community*

Benjamin, Fox Creek, Glenn, Northpoint, Sugar Creek, Carlock, Oakdale

Lauren Romero | \$4,268 | *Instrument and more: adapting classic methods to current realities*

Middle Schools / Junior Highs

BJHS

Lisa Clark | \$4,166 | *Cupcake Wars for Middle Schoolers*

Marsha Veninga | \$400 | *Field Biology for Beginners*

Suzie Hutton | \$820 | *A Literacy Celebration of Diverse Voices*

Marsha Veninga | \$850 | *I’m Done! What’s Next?*

Rachel Heckman | \$226 | *Learning and Teaching Tolerance through Children’s Literature*

Greg Kocourek | \$350 | *Building a More Complete Mosaic*

Greg Kocourek | \$320 | *More Voices in our Historical Choir*

Greg Kocourek | \$2,555 | *Get On Up: Exercise and Wellness First and Then Learning!*

CJHS

Lisa Galliard | \$233 | *Apple Pharaohs*

EJHS

Kate Shanks | \$1,059 | *You Can’t Handle the Truth: Taking a stand for characters on trial*

Kate Shanks | \$514 | *Boom, Bang, Crash: Adding Sound Effects to Old Time Radio Broadcasts*

KJHS

McKenzie Adams | \$624 | *Culturally Responsive Texts for Inter/Multidisciplinary Identity Units*

Jennifer Ritchason | \$1,250 | *A Unique Frame of Reference-History & Perspectives with Graphic Novels*

PJHS

Jessica Stutz | \$311 | *I need to unwind*

High Schools

BHS

Brandon Thornton, Courtney Marks | **\$2,046** | *Get Connected, Stay Connected: Young Alumni Association*

NCWHS

Claire Rybarczyk, Liz Beggs, Heather Lueschen | **\$1,484** | *Best Brew*

Abigail Primo, Kathleen Pufahl | **\$1,484** | *Microscope Adapter; Viewing Cells Through a Camera*

Dave Weber | **\$377** | *More Precise STEM*

Amanda Long | **\$374** | *Insane in the Membrane*

Lisa Tomlin | **\$210** | *Boning Up on Biology*

Catherine Unsbee | **\$398** | *Mini-Q in World History*

Ali Akyuz | **\$384** | *Studio Photography Equipment for the Art Department*

April Schermann | **\$3,604** | *Full STEAM Ahead with Sphero-Putting Math into Motion*

Deana Wiist | **\$375** | *Where? Why there?-Geographic Inquiry*

NCHS

Brad Smith, Justin Steve | **\$2,000** | *Bioengineering Brain-Machine Interface and Neuroscience Unit*

Daniel Higby, Donal Whitman | **\$4,994** | *Hands On Minds On Community*

Brad Bovenkerk | **\$4,840** | *Whisper Rooms: Amplifying Student Voice*

Stephanie Hedgespeth, Christine Konopasek | **\$4,391** | *#DisruptTexts: Disrupting To Kill a Mockingbird*

Unit 5

Jennifer Gibson | **\$1,850** | *Getting Math in Students' Hands so They Understand it with Their Heads*

Special Grant Award - Beyond the Box \$10,000

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Normal Community High School

Liz Harris | **\$10,000** | *"Making a (Green)house a Home"*

The grant funds will make it possible to renovate and expand the greenhouse to create a dedicated space for the agriscience program. When NCHS was initially constructed, a greenhouse was built even though agriscience was not part of the curriculum at that time. About a decade later, an agriscience program was developed and it was quickly realized that greenhouse structure was missing many mechanics to make it function. Currently, the space is not effective for the advancement of the program. The goal of this grant is to provide a functional space that can be used by all students enrolled in the agriscience program over time (approximately 275 per school year).

As Harris wrote in her grant submission, "This project will have direct impact on the achievement of students in agriscience program in various ways, including: access to a laboratory space, real-world experience in creating a business plan, marketing, sales, and financial statements, and to experience learned concepts of animal health and nutrition through a pig from the agriscience teacher's farm."

See a list of prior grant winners at [BeyondTheBooksBN.com](https://www.beyondthebooksbn.com)