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Annual Report



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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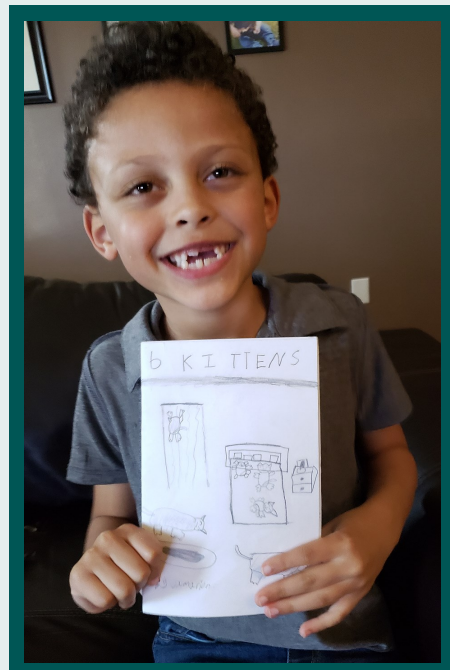
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Empowering Educators



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.

- Contribute online or through the mail with information here:

<https://beyondthebooksbn.com/donors/donate>

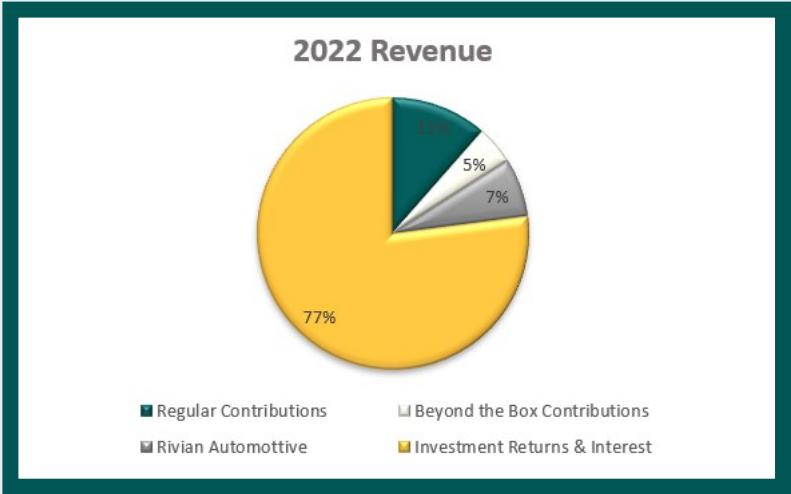
- Make an Honor donation to commemorate a special person (child, teacher, parent) or occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement).
- Remember someone with a Memorial gift.
- Name the Foundation in a bequest, real estate gift or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

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 2022, the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation had total revenues of \$90,968 from a combination of individual & business donations — including size-able donations from the Shirk Family Foundation & Rivian Automotive — as well as investment returns and interest.

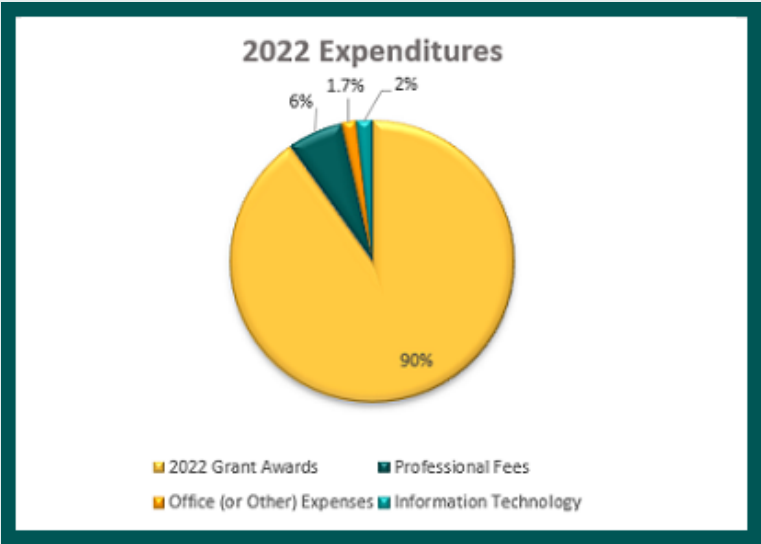
Calendar Year 2022
Revenue Summary for Annual Report

Regular Contributions	\$ 24,931
Beyond the Box Contribution	\$ 10,000
Rivian Automotive, Inc Contribution	\$ 15,000
Investment Returns & Interest	<u>\$ 40,733</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 90,968

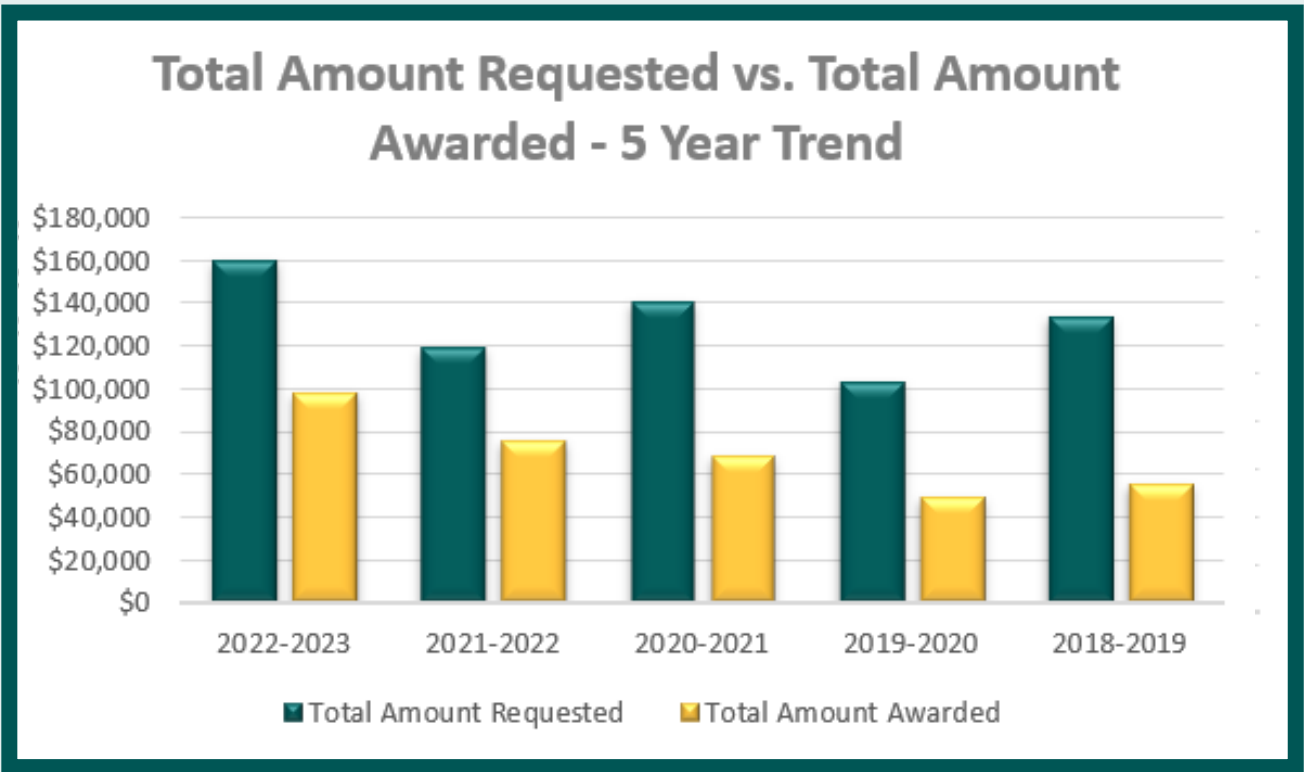
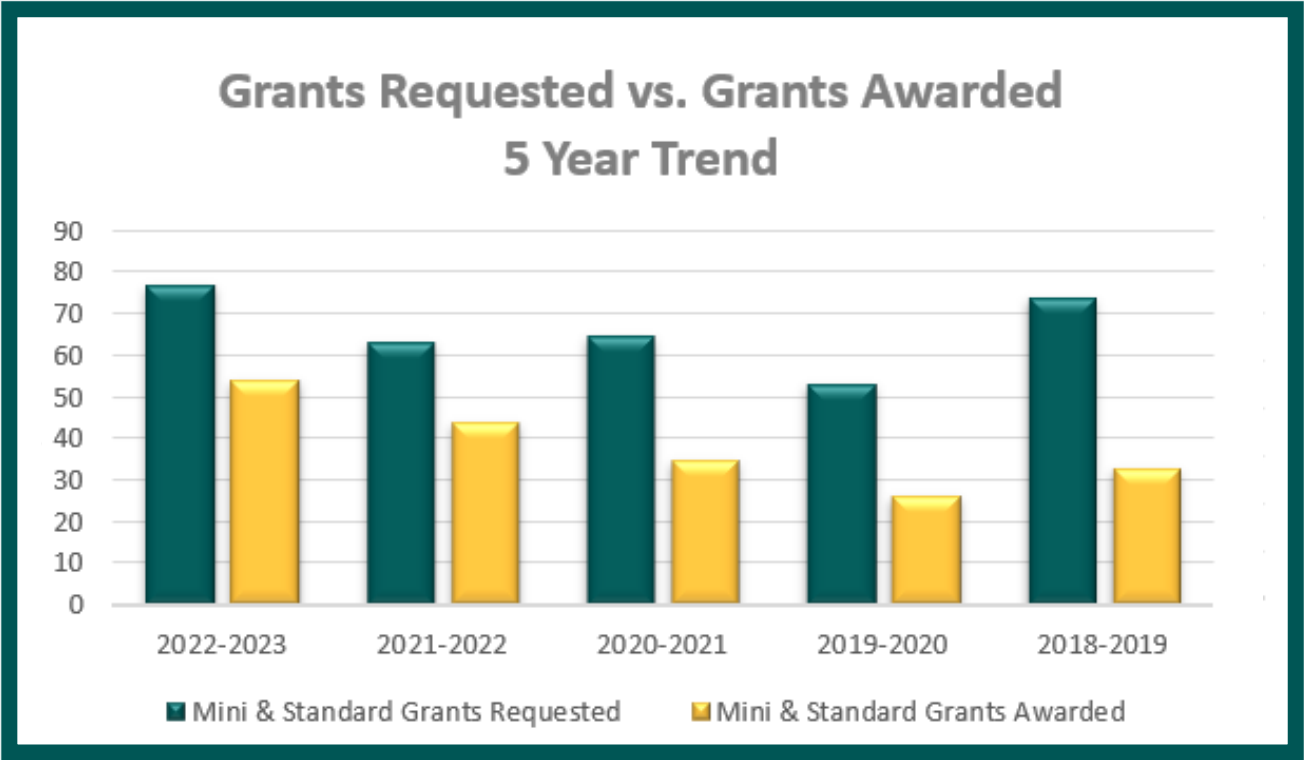


Calendar Year 2022
Expense Summary for Annual Report

2022 Grant Awards	\$ 108,527
Professional Fees	\$ 7,566
Office (or Other) Expenses	\$ 2,089
Information Technology	<u>\$ 9,439</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 127,621



In 2022, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation received 77 grant applications from educators in Unit 5 and District 87, requesting a total of **\$160,191**. Of those 77 applications, **54** projects were awarded a total of **\$98,527**.



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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, Mary Current, Jessica Flood, Amanda Dytrych, and Amber Thomas | **\$1963** | *I like to MOVE IT, MOVE IT...Math!*

Amanda Johnson | **\$4300** | *Diversity in Speech-Language Therapy*

Lauren Romero and Jennifer Gibson | **\$4059** | *Rhythm and Remnants a study of music and fractions!*

Lauren Romero | **\$4246** | *Everyone's a Musician! Resources for our diverse student population*

Brigham Early Learning

Haley Safranek, Mellisa Kummer | **\$2664** | *Super Sensory Spaces!*

Carlock

Stacy Herren | **\$894** | *Sensory Bin for the Win*

Cedar Ridge

Tracey Lake | **\$461** | *Famous Third Graders*

Deborah Presley and Nancy Bridges | **\$2200** | *Got Game? Math Learning Library*

Lyndra Webb | **\$391** | *I can be in 2 places at once!*

Eugene Field

Jordan Newton- Gonzalez | **\$1500** | *Exercise/Recreation Opportunities*

Abigail Everett | **\$200** | *Kitchen Items*

Grove

Heather Damery and Emily Kauten | **\$1991** | *Celebrating Our Differences Through Reading and Play*

Northpoint

Andrea Norton | **\$1675** | *Walking through Books- StoryWalk*

Oakdale

Melissa Smith | **\$344** | *Thinking About Thinking*

Oakland

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

Parkside

Mackenzie Escher | **\$3766** | *Structuring Student Success*

Prairieland

Jill Garneau, Drew Emerick and Bryan Schultz | **\$2081** | *Food Play - Making Healthy Food Choices to Fuel Your Body*

Kelli Halsey | **\$3772** | *Genre Juice*

Kim McHenry and Nathan Ford | **\$1750** | *Expanding Viewpoints: An Introduction to Photography in Elementary Art*

Sugar Creek

Karen Showalter | **\$225** | *Getting Back in the Swing of Things!*

Karen Showalter | **\$305** | *Strengthening the Language Rope*

Karen Showalter | **\$306** | *Diversity is fact; Inclusion is act*

Sugar Creek & Fairview

Laura Yost | **\$400** | *Turning the Page in Pre-K*

Washington

Erin Bersche, Jennifer Armstrong, and Natalie Crump | **\$4500** | *Get Your THIRD Grade On!*

Unit 5 District Level

Jennifer Gibson, Melanie Nemtusiak, and Leeann Bain | **\$1672** | *Developing Writing and Math Skills through Game Play*

Jennifer Gibson, Julie McCully, Lori Ellison, and Autumn Stanton | **\$1774** | *Developing Flexible and Fluent Thinkers*

Middle Schools / Junior Highs

Bloomington JHS

Suzie Hutton | **\$725** | *The Power of our Voices - Story Slam*

Chiddix JHS

Sara Tracey and Michelle Glatt | **\$370** | *Tutorial Retreat*

Amanda Armstrong and Christina Culbertson | **\$3122** | *Multilingual Library*

Middle Schools / Junior Highs (cont.)

Evans JHS

Carolyn Franks, Joely McCaw, and Bethany Schlipf | **\$987** | *Going to School is Cool!*

Cally Hutson and Melissa Blaum | **\$950** | *Cracking the Code*

Parkside JHS

Debbie Brown | **\$472** | *Build Your Social-Emotional Toolbox*

Jessica Lawent | **\$1500** | *Using Escape Boxes to Increase Problem Solving in Middle School Students*

Cassie Lee | **\$305** | *Board Games For A Better Life*

High Schools

Normal Community High School (NCHS)

Brad Bovenkerk | **\$4900** | *Broadcast and Multimodal Student Journalism*

Victoria Kobel | **\$4000** | *CPR In Schools*

Stefen Robinson | **\$4000** | *Experimental Ensemble Equipment*

Hunter Watts | **\$389** | *Bringing the Past into the Present: School Archive Foundations*

Donald Whitman | **\$4988** | *Welding the Future*

David Witzig | **\$340** | *Team Book*

Normal Community West High School (NCWHS)

Parker Bane | **\$4949** | *Nice calves! - Veterinary Science Simulator*

Len Childers | **\$396** | *In Tune with Executive FUNktioning*

Jen Hamler | **\$195** | *30 Heads are Better than One*

Amanda Long | **\$1367** | *Go with the Flow of Genetic Info*

Abigail Primo | **\$1180** | *Co-Dominance and Blood Typing: An Inquiry-Based Biological Mystery*

April Schermann | **\$2277** | *Coding Takes Flight Using the Finch Robot*

Brandee Soard and Valerie Higby | **\$2456** | *Foreign Language Encounters IRL*

Jackson Suddarth | **\$573** | *Designing a Bright Future*

Lisa Tomlin | **\$260** | *Incredible Inflatable Lungs*

Lisa Tomlin | **\$310** | *Exciting Enzymes*

Catherine Unsbee | **\$318** | *Civic Engagement through Politicraft gameplay*

Valentine Walker | **\$4985** | *Let's Get Ready for the Next Pandemic or Remote Learning Days!*

Dave Weber | **\$1900** | *Giving STEM A Hand*

Carrie Webster, Jackson Suddarth, Teri Wilson, and Traci Verdery | **\$2500** | *Door 1, Door 2, Door 3: A pretty "cool" project*

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

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Normal Community High School

Carrie Stevens, Liz Harris, Hilary Ruyle, Donald Whitman, Molly Stolfa, Brock Keller | **\$10,000** | *"Making a (Green)house a Home"*

The grant funds will make it possible to create a dedicated outdoor classroom space for students that will tie into an existing project of "Nurturing Learning Through Nature". Special and general education students across multiple disciplines (technology, math, science, agriculture, horticulture, and wood/metals) will work collaboratively to create and implement the innovative outdoor learning environment. Real-life skills will be developed by the objectives provided to create the space such as: building the shed and garden bed(s), planting fruits, vegetables, and flowers; creating a natural pond and more.

Stevens is a first-year applicant to Beyond the Books and collaborated with the following educators to outline the goals and objectives of the submission: Liz Harris, Brock Keller, Hilary Ruyle, Molly Stolfa and Donald Whitman. With the collaboration between the educators and departments the goal is to create a space that can be used for up to 25 years with ongoing care and improvements that will continue to meet the needs of future students within each of the programs outlined.

See a list of prior grant winners at BeyondTheBooksBN.com