



Complete High School Maize opened a General Store in the Reflection Ridge Retirement Community in 2018 thanks, in part, to a \$1,000 Instructional Grant.



MAIZE
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

STUDENT ENRICHMENT GRANTS

The Maize Education Foundation strives to support opportunities that encourage Maize students to find their own versions of success and to become responsible, civically engaged young adults.

Students in grades 7-12 can apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help cover the costs associated with enrichment activities like leadership seminars, expeditions, educational camps, national competitions, and more.

FIRST YEAR TEACHER STIPEND

For teachers who are new to the profession, the first day of class is extremely exciting, but it can also be very daunting, and making that first impression is very important.

We know how challenging it can be to decorate a classroom and make that first impression — especially with little or no money budgeted for a brand new classroom.

To help ease the transition into their first year of teaching, the Foundation provides each first-year teacher with a \$100 stipend to help make their classroom special. So, when they open the door for the first time and welcome their first class of students, they can make it a little more special on their first day as a teacher!

CHALLENGE GRANTS

The Foundation is committed to providing supplemental funding for instructional projects and innovative programs that might not otherwise be funded by the district due to limited financial resources.

These grants offer opportunities in and out of the classrooms for educators to give students a premier competitive education and encourage civic engagement and leadership.

Any district employee can apply for a Challenge Grant. The Foundation awarded more than \$37,000 for the 2019-20 school year!

STUDENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Partnering with area businesses and community volunteers, the Foundation aims to provide opportunities for students to work on scholarship and grant applications, professional resumes and prepare for interviews as well as learn money management and workplace skills to prepare them for successful futures.

The Foundation will launch the workshop series beginning with a Student Application Workshop in October 2019, and continuing with a new workshop topic each month.

Watch for updates on Facebook as we announce upcoming workshops!

WHAT IS OUR WHY?

It is our belief that supporting students in defining and pursuing their individual versions of success is one of the greatest legacies we can leave for our community and one of the most important things we can do to build a better future.

In support of that belief, the Maize Education Foundation supports programs and opportunities that enhance the education and post-secondary preparation of students within the Maize School District, especially those opportunities that instill and inspire our core values in Maize students, who one day will become the stewards of our community. These core values include dedication, perseverance, innovation, civic responsibility, passion, integrity, tenacity, and compassion.

Our mission is to work with school and community leaders to pilot educational and enrichment programs, develop new curricula, and champion innovative and advanced experiential and project-based learning opportunities for all students.

It is our vision that Maize students will be the most prepared, the most competitive, and the most successful future students, employees, citizens, and leaders in the region upon graduating from the Maize School District.



Since its founding in 2003, the Maize Education Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in grants supporting the students and educators in the Maize School District.

With the continued support of generous donors, sponsors, partners, and volunteers, we are able to continue our work and impact countless students and their families through grants and programs within the OneMaize Community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE

Your donations help provide the Foundation with the funds it needs to maintain its operations while providing grants and supporting programs throughout the Maize School District.

Currently, Challenge Grants, Student Enrichment Grants, Legacy Scholarships, Student Workshops, and First Year Teacher Grants along with administrative costs constitute our areas of greatest need.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer support is critical to our mission. Not only do we need help putting on fundraising events, we need volunteers of every kind in the office, in the schools, and out in the community.

If you'd like to support the Foundation, but are not able to contribute financially, please let us know. You'd be surprised how you might be able to help!

SPONSOR

Consider sponsoring our Spring Breakfast Fundraiser and join the Wichita area business-education community for an energizing morning event. If you prefer the outdoors, sponsor our annual Charity Golf Tournament at Reflection Ridge. Various levels of sponsor opportunities are available for both events.

CORPORATE MATCHING

Employee matching programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible nonprofit organizations. It's an easy way to double your contribution to us!

Contact your employer's HR or community giving department to find out if your donation is eligible for a company match!

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

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SPRING BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

In the spring of 2019, the Foundation hosted its first Spring Breakfast Fundraiser at Abode in Wichita and brought together members of the Maize and Wichita area business and education communities.

Breakfast was prepared and served by the Maize Career Academy Culinary Arts Students - just weeks before they competed in the national ProStart competition in Washington D.C. Maize broadcast students produced videos for the event that included a feature of the Complete High School Maize General Store at Reflection Ridge Retirement Community.

Thanks to the support of our incredible sponsors and volunteers, the inaugural event raised \$14,000!

The 2020 Spring Breakfast Fundraiser will be Thursday, April 2, at Botanica in Wichita. Visit our website for more information!

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Each fall, the Foundation hosts its charity golf tournament featuring a 4-man scramble and lots of opportunities for golfers to win prizes like "closest to the pin," and "longest putt." Golfers also have a chance to claim the title of Long Drive Champion in a special contest at the end of the tournament.

For the 2019 tournament, 30 teams and more than 50 sponsors came together with a dedicated team of volunteers to raise just under \$40,000 to help the Foundation continue its work of supporting students and educators in the Maize School District.

And that Long Drive Champion? The winning distance was 360 yards! Think you can beat that?!

STAFF GIVING

We would argue that the staff in the Maize School District are the best in the state! But more than how simply a-Maize-ing they are, they are some of our biggest supporters!

All district staff have an opportunity to pledge a recurring gift that is deducted each pay period from their payroll checks.

Staff contributed more than \$14,000 in the 2018-19 school year! We could not be more grateful for that kind of support from our own educators!

