

Unit 40
Education Foundation
2025 Year in Review

Our Vision and Mission

The Unit 40 Education Foundation began with the vision of some of Effingham's business leaders, teachers, administrators, and caring citizens. They created a non-profit foundation to raise money to help Unit 40 students in every grade and classroom. Donations to the foundation are generated from fundraisers, business leaders, family memorials, community member contributions, and many other sources. The foundation directs money from these donations to benefit Unit 40 students in many ways. Classroom teachers can submit grant requests for classroom resources that will enhance students' learning, such as technology tools, library books, robotics, tools, and lab equipment. One of the founding goals of the foundation was to present a scholarship to each graduating senior of EHS. We are not there yet, but we still strive toward that goal.

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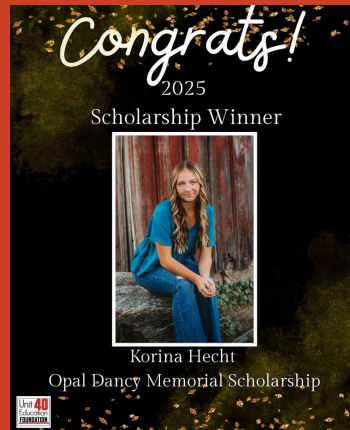
Katie Klosterman



Scholarships

In 2025, the Education Foundation awarded scholarships totalling \$54,250.00 to EHS seniors planning to continue their education. Our loyal and generous donors made it possible to grant 68 scholarships in 2025.

We held our annual Russ Marvel Scholarship celebration in May. This celebration allows us to bring together and honor our donors and scholarship recipients.



2025 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Isabela Vergara

Alexander Palmer

Rayden Schneider

Nicole Cruz

Layni Frey

Adam Flack

Harsh Patel

Isabella Harkins-Albin

Carson Etheridge

Logan Jones

Gabriel Koester

Jerzi Bierman

Gabriella McCubbin

Emily Greuel

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Bria Beals

Ashlyn Davis

Seaton Hall

Colton Webb

Hannah Thompson

Tyler Lake

Elle Hohenbary

Kaden Koeberlein

Brianne Carder

Rachel Metcalf

Payton Field

2025 Foundation Scholarship Recipients (Continued)

Stella Riley	Grayson Kiser	Kristen Armstrong	Peter Rosen
Kelcy Stone	Korina Hecht	Sydney Nelson	Addysen Stortzum
Isabella Austin	Jessica Larsen	Raven Shields	Samantha Honn
Saige Althoff	Sidney Donaldson	Olivia Kreke	Mya Harvey
Grace Harper	KJ Kellams	Blake Hagler	Morgan Cekander
Max Seachrist	Reaghan DeLong	Ethan Jones	Anna Thies
Zachary Hartke	Sam Spicer	Ella Macklin	Sarah Hirtzel
Aaron Hill	Madison Kirk	Rylan Pals	Olivia Regenhardt

2025 Scholarship Patrons

Al's Tire Mart

Bill & Julie Fritcher

Brian & Sue Wick

Brody Braunecker Memorial

Chris Donaldson Memorial

Chuck Stevens Memorial

Civil Design Inc.

Clyde Oberlin Memorial

Dan Hecht

Dan King Memorial

Debolt Enterprises, Inc./ Culver's of Effingham



2025 Scholarship Patrons (Continued)

Dr. Navi Arora

Earth Rise Energy

Ed Minor Memorial

EHS Band Boosters

EHS Class of 1999

Effingham JFL

Effingham Kiwanis Club

Effingham Machining & Assembly

George & Ardel Huntington

Helen Niccum Education

J & J Ventures Gaming, LLC

Jack Klosterman Memorial

James Zumbahlen Memorial

Kindra Westendorf Memorial

Leisure Times

Martha Stevens Memorial

Mary Higgs Trust

Maxine Gravenhorst Memorial

McDevitt, Osteen, Chojnicki, & Deters

Mitchell Coffin Memorial

Monroe Family Trust

New Hope Church

2024 Scholarship Patrons (Continued)

Nick Nosbisch

Northside Ford Business

Opal Dancey Memorial

Robin Klosterman Memorial

Ron Mietzner (Santa)

Roy Schmidt Honda

Russ & Shari Marvel

Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthcare

Shawn Mohundro Memorial

Starwalt/McGrath

Tom & Lana Henderson

Washington Savings Bank

Zach Fish Memorial

Zach Scott

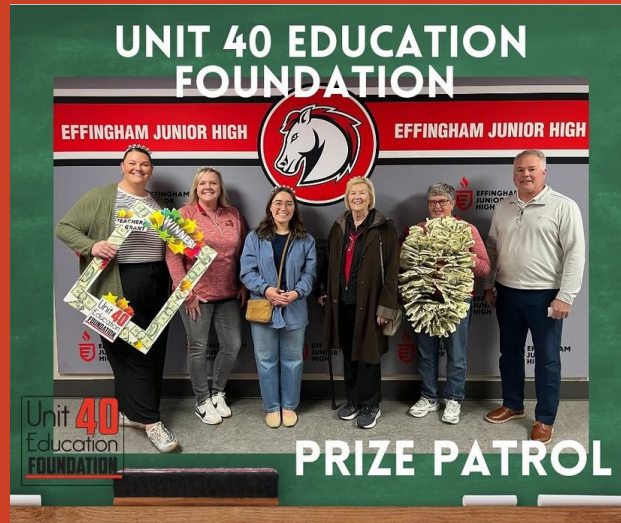
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To read about each scholarship, visit our website

<https://efinghameducationfoundation.com/scholarships/>

Teacher Grants

One of the primary missions for the Education Foundation is to fund teacher grants. In 2025, the foundation funded teacher grants totaling \$6,318.00. These grants helped teachers provide hands-on experiences and enriched the learning environment for their students.



Brick Paver Program

The brick paver program provides an opportunity for people to purchase engraved bricks to recognize alumni, students, faculty, and friends of Unit 40 schools. The pavers are then installed around the sculpture near the front of Effingham High School.



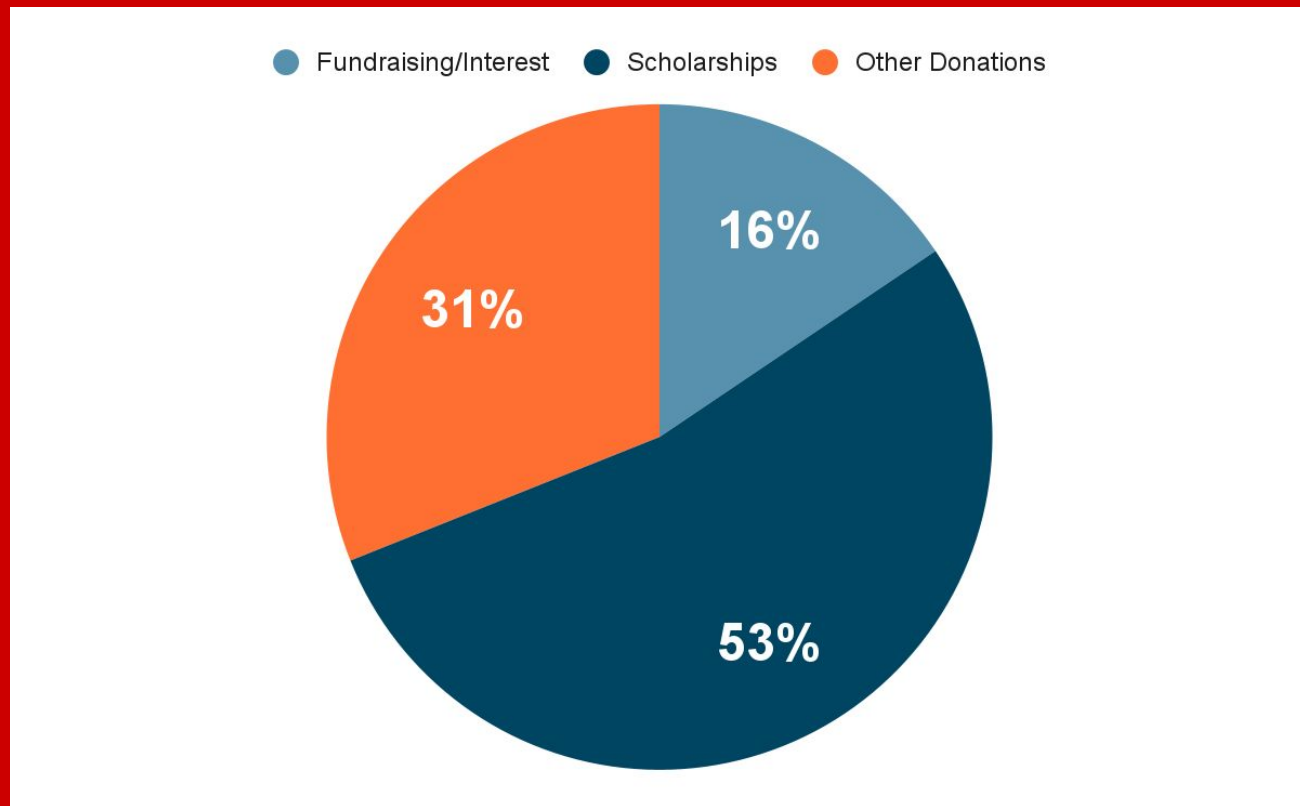
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Breakfast with Santa

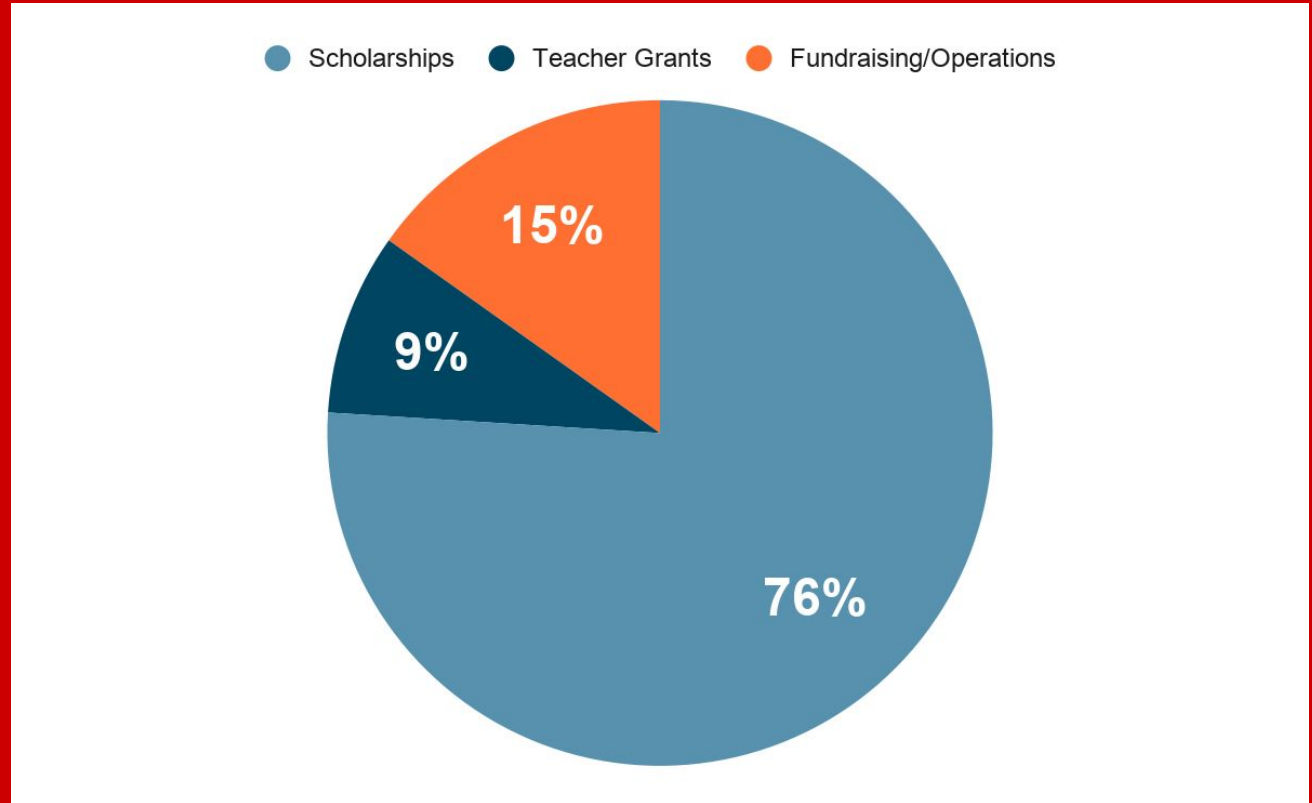


Breakfast with Santa has become a major community event that many look forward to annually. Children enjoy seeing and visiting Santa as well as sitting on his lap. Those attending also enjoy pancakes and sausage, shop at the Santa Shoppe, enjoy music from the EHS chorus and take pictures at the photo booth. Children love seeing the llamas and this year a couple of baby goats.

Financial Overview: Income



Financial Overview: Expenses



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Unit 40 Education Foundation is a 501C(3) organization. We appreciate all donations and encourage you to visit our website for additional information.

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