



# PEORIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2022 ANNUAL 22 REVIEW

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Since 1987, the Peoria Education Foundation has supported the educational experience of students through teacher grants and student scholarships within the Peoria Unified School District.

Funded by donations, the Foundation recognizes students in multiple scholarship categories. The Foundation also supports Peoria Unified teachers through grants.

## 2022 FINANCIALS

Annual Operating Budget: **\$174,759**

Student Scholarships: **\$51,000**

Teacher Arts Grants: **\$10,290**

Teacher Education Grants: **\$11,983**

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival
- Education Visionary Awards
- Follow the Fork

### ► MEETING STUDENTS URGENT NEEDS

The Foundation continues to offer the Emergency Needs Fund which provides principals with the opportunity to support a student or family with an immediate need with a reimbursement up to \$500 from the Foundation per school year.

### ► PRIDE OF PEORIA

The Foundation was able to support the district's employee recognition program, Pride of Peoria, by providing commemorative pins to the 36 award recipients.

### ► EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARDS

The annual Education Visionary Awards recognizes individuals, non-profits and community partners who make a positive impact on public education. This event also serves as a fundraiser for the Peoria Education Foundation so that the Foundation's great work continues by providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in the Peoria Unified School District. In 2022, the Foundation raised \$85,000 at the Education Visionary Awards.

### ► FOLLOW THE FORK

The 2022 Follow the Fork event offered a progressive dining experience with 100% of ticket sales benefiting the Peoria Education Foundation. Follow the Fork engaged the community and highlighted multiple restaurants at Park West all while supporting the work of the Foundation. All guests who purchased tickets enjoyed bites at multiple restaurants, live music, interactive art, photo ops, a midnight snack goody bag, and more. The event raised more than \$21,000 for the Peoria Education Foundation.

### ► FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Foundation prides itself on being good financial stewards with a laser focus on supporting the students and staff in the Peoria Unified School District. With an operating budget of approximately \$174,759, the Foundation has very little overhead and keeps its administrative costs at or under 10% of the overall budget.

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**12**  
Recipients  
\$26,000

## ▶ AGAINST ALL ODDS

For those who have overcome tremendous obstacles in their family or education and are still on track to graduate and pursue post-secondary education.

**4**  
Recipients  
\$6,000

## ▶ COMMUNITY SERVICE

For students with academic excellence, a strong commitment to their community and who have completed a minimum of 100 community service hours throughout high school and plan to further their learning with post-secondary education.

**6**  
Recipients  
\$10,000

## ▶ DR. DENTON SANTARELLI LEADERSHIP

Named after our very well-respected former superintendent, this scholarship is intended for those graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in leadership throughout their high school career.

**4**  
Recipients  
\$4,000

## ▶ JOSEPH MCCORD MEMORIAL

This scholarship was named after former Peoria Unified Board Member, Joseph McCord.

Mr. McCord served on the Peoria Unified Governing Board and had a passion for history and strong commitment to community. This scholarship is designed for college-bound students who share Mr. McCord's enthusiasm for history.

**4**  
Recipients  
\$4,000

## ▶ UNIFIED CHAMPIONS

This scholarship is awarded to able-bodied students and those with special needs participating in the Unified Sports program.

The principle idea is training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding the challenges of others. The scholarship is intended for seniors who plan to pursue a career or education to work with people having special needs.

**1**  
Recipient  
\$1,000

## ▶ ROSELLA & HUGO SICKINGER

This scholarship is intended for graduating female students who demonstrate character, citizenship, poise and respect for contemporaries at all levels of contacts and relationships, as well as demonstrate intense motivation to perform academically.

## TEACHER GRANTS

Grants fund innovative projects that will significantly improve student achievement. Priority is given to projects that can be replicated in other classrooms or can impact the learning environment of an entire school. There are two grant categories: General and Arts.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Foundation's board is made up of a diverse group of individuals consisting of parents, community members and business owners who support the Peoria Unified School District.

The board members include a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and historian. The Foundation holds monthly meetings.

## SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

You can give students the gift of education and support opportunities to develop their potential. Your donation directly impacts students and teachers across the West Valley.

It also helps build a healthy and well-educated community. Below are all the ways you can donate to make a difference!

### ▶ DIRECT DONATION

Donate to the Peoria Education Foundation directly by going to [peoriaedfoundation.org](http://peoriaedfoundation.org) and select "Donate Now" or scan the QR code.



### ▶ VISIONARY AWARDS DINNER

Purchase a table or seat at the annual dinner that celebrates educational visionaries in our community. Enjoy a delicious dinner and live auction.

### ▶ WHOO CARES CLUB

Make a monthly donation to join our Whoo Cares Club at [peoriaedfoundation.org](http://peoriaedfoundation.org) and click the "Donate" tab.

### ▶ VALLEY OF THE SUN UNITED WAY

Select the Peoria Education Foundation through United Way as one of the many organizations that benefit from the local services.

### ▶ THANK-A-TEACHER

Purchase a customized "Thank You" card for a Peoria Unified teacher or employee during the Thank-A-Teacher campaign dates.

