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at Tahoe Donner

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Restaurant

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Rubicon Pizza Company

The Soule Domain

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Truckee Food Shop

Village Pizzeria

Wild Pine Kitchen

Wolfdale's Cuisine Unique

Za's Lakefront

**GOLFING FOR SCHOOLS PARTNERS**

Coyote Moon Golf Course

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Tahoe City Golf Course

## OUR MISSION

The Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation enhances public education within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) to strengthen the learning experience for students.

## WHO WE ARE

The Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation partners with local businesses and community members to raise funds to support the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Each year, the Foundation invests over \$250,000 in classroom grants, educational resources, and partnerships that benefit students and teachers. With over 35 years of committed support for local education, the Foundation remains instrumental in enhancing learning opportunities for TTUSD students.



## FINANCIALS

### 2024/25 Gross Revenue Sources

Skiing for Schools	\$145,432	28%
Golfing for Schools	\$144,375	28%
Dining for Schools	\$24,700	4%
"Friends of Education" Donation Income	\$62,925	12%
Investment Income Endowment Fund Interest Available to Spend	\$71,700	14%
Other Contributions	\$71,743	14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$520,875</b>	<b>100%</b>

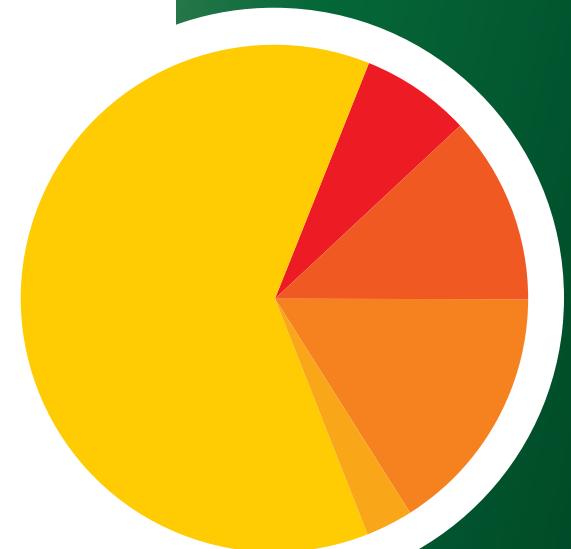
### 2024/25 Expenditure Sources

Grants Funded	\$402,304	62%
Teacher Fellows and Staff Star Awards	\$20,000	3%
Programs	\$99,788	16%
Administrative	\$76,000	12%
Donor Development	\$48,285	7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$646,377</b>	<b>100%</b>

Amounts presented are rounded to the next dollar.

**\$6.7 MILLION**  
funded since inception

12 schools in  
a geographic area of  
720 square miles



## HOW WE DO IT

Excellence in Education raises funds through community partnerships, which have driven the success of our long-standing fundraising programs: Dining for Schools, Golfing for Schools, and Skiing for Schools. Individual contributions are also welcomed through the TTUSD Payroll Deduction program, the Foundation's Friends of Education donation program, and our Annual Support Our Students fundraising campaign.

Additionally, Excellence in Education continues to grow its endowment fund, with a balance of \$2.3 million as of June 30, 2025.

### Investing in Education

Grant monies support programs designed to promote student interest in learning, provide hands-on learning experiences, and encourage quality academic performance.

**\$422,304 Total funded by EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION in the 2024/25 fiscal year for GRANTS, RESOURCES, and EDUCATOR AWARDS**  
**60 classroom grants awarded to individual teachers within Tahoe Truckee Unified School District totaling \$190,748**

Approximately \$75,000 was allocated for math and science grants, including \$35,000 for graphing calculators to promote success and equity in high school math classes, and \$26,000 for the Anatomage Tablets, which provide students with access to two real human cadavers in digital 3D format. We also invested approximately \$5,500 in STEAM resources for elementary students and \$5,600 in environmental science grants.

We continued to champion the district's focus on the science of reading, awarding more than \$38,000 in literacy grants. Additional grants supported the arts, including musical instruments and a ceramics kiln, as well as Career and Technical Education (CTE), experiential history programs, social-emotional learning tools, and resources that enhance accessibility for students with special needs.

### Board Designated Grants

Board-designated grants are funded through the interest earned from the Foundation's endowment fund. The Foundation's policy is to spend up to 3.25% of the three-year trailing average investment balance annually. In 2024/25, five board-designated grants were funded for a total of \$197,940.

In support of TTUSD's initiative to expand outdoor education, we provided a grant for \$102,300 to purchase 100 bunk beds and mattresses for the new Transformative Adventures in Hands-on Outdoor Education (TAHOE) Lab and Outdoor School, which will bring unique and engaging outdoor education experiences to all TTUSD students.

### Additional Board Designated Grants

**Aim High \$20,000**  
A free summer academic enrichment program for TTUSD Middle School students.

**Rising Educator Scholarships \$5,000**  
Two \$2,500 scholarships were awarded to TTUSD students pursuing a career in education.

**McGinity Scholarships \$2,000**  
Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to TTUSD students continuing their education in healthcare.

**Career and Technical Education \$32,000**  
Targeted field trips for Culinary Arts, Sports Medicine, Emergency Response, and Engineering.

**Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships \$36,640**  
In support of Forest Health Field Days, Science Festivals and Family Science Nights, and Defensible Space Stewardship Days.

## THE LINDA BROWN FELLOWS AND STAR AWARDS

The Linda Brown Fellows and Star Awards annually recognize and reward exceptional teachers and classified (non-teaching) staff in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. In 2024/25, four Linda Brown Fellows and four Star Award recipients were honored. Each recipient receives \$1,500 for personal use. Additionally, Fellows recipients each receive a \$2,000 grant for educational enhancement in their classroom.

**\$20,000**

awarded to

**FOUR** Linda Brown Fellows

and **FOUR** Star Award recipients