



RBEF

Mission Statement

It shall be the mission of this Foundation to provide funds for student and staff programs and activities, designed to promote educational excellence which are supplemental to normal school budgetary and operational functions. It shall be the policy of this foundation to make grants only to programs and activities of Riverside-Brookfield High School that can be identified directly or indirectly as part of, or in support of, the high school instructional and co-curricular program.



Riverside-Brookfield Educational Foundation

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www.rbhs208.org/rbef.htm

History & Purpose

The R-B Educational Foundation supports the educational excellence of Riverside-Brookfield High School by providing creative educational opportunities which are not available through the school district's operating budget. Fund-raising efforts, such as the annual Telethon, enable the Foundation to award grants to students, faculty and staff to pursue educational enrichment opportunities. Formed in 1987 as a non-profit volunteer organization independent of the school district, it is directed by a board of trustees who serve without pay.



Foundation Objectives

- 1 To facilitate student development and encourage students to become "life-long learners"
- 2 To encourage educational excellence through creative teaching
- 3 To promote student/community partnerships

Funded Projects

The Foundation has awarded grants in educational areas throughout the curriculum. These grants have enabled students, faculty and staff to participate in:

- Dance workshops
- Music programs and trips
- Yearbook and newspaper camps
- Applied arts conferences
- Foreign language seminars

Additionally, the Foundation has purchased equipment as needed to further educational opportunities.

Annual RBEF Telethon

Since 1989, the Foundation (in cooperation with R-B Library Media Services) has held a Telethon which has become the Foundation's premiere annual fund-raising event. The Telethon is broadcast on RBTV, the school's educational cable television station to a host of suburban communities. This fund-raiser owes its success to hundreds of dedicated

volunteers – students, alumni, community members, teachers, staff and friends – who have made the Telethon an R-B tradition. In addition to talented performers, the day-long event has featured celebrities

including Chicago radio personalities and municipal, state and federal officials. In its first year, the Telethon was awarded a John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award, the only high school event in the country to receive this prestigious honor. The Telethon is held the second or third Saturday in October.



During the Telethon, volunteers take phone-in pledges while performers entertain, and students produce the live cable TV broadcast.

Grant-Awards: Process & Policies

Current students, faculty and staff can obtain grant forms through the R-B business office. Students must be sponsored by a faculty member. Forms must be completed and returned to the business office by the application deadline (posted annually). Applications are reviewed by the Foundation committee and grants are awarded at a ceremony each spring. All applications are considered.



The Foundation Board encourages grant suggestions and recommendations from students, school employees, alumni and community members.

Your Support is Vital

Your personal or corporate contribution to the Foundation does make a difference. The Foundation has become an R-B institution; students and school employees rely on the Foundation to provide an extra educational advantage. Contributions of any denomination are welcome.

Any interested individual can join the Foundation. Meetings are held once a month at the high school. For information, contact the high school at 708/442-7500.

How You Can Make a Difference

Donations are gratefully received. Some donors prefer to make gifts equivalent to cash (gift-in-kind) such as real estate, securities, life insurance, or other personal property. Gifts can be made in tribute to R-B teachers or students or to honor a friend or loved one.