

The Abilene Education Foundation offers programs to enrich education in the Abilene Independent School District and to encourage and help AISD students to pursue a college education.

Young Masters Juried Art Exhibition provides an annual juried art exhibition at the Grace Museum for Advanced Placement Studio Art students to recognize and encourage outstanding artistic expression with a quality museum exhibition.

TLC (Teachers in the Limelight Celebration) honors the dedicated work of teachers in AISD with campus recognition, a formal dinner and a monetary award. A TLC teacher possesses integrity and a love for teaching that spills into the classroom. Awards are funded by the Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award Endowment.

COOL (College Offers Opportunities for Life) program places four full-time college advisors in Abilene ISD schools to assist students who are first in their families to attend college with financial aid, college applications, scholarships, college tours and college educational outreach to elementary and middle school students. To review the COOL Annual Report, please visit www.aaeff.org.

Pass for Success is a football passing contest at the Cooper High and Abilene High home football games. The students meeting the distance goal set for the evening win \$200 for their campus and receive an AEF Pass for Success T-shirt. Feeder elementary schools to each high school are divided allowing four different campuses to participate at each game of their future high school.

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STAR Teacher Grants

STAR (Supporting Teachers with Academic Resources) Teacher Grants are awarded in September of each year for classroom projects that support curriculum and enrichment activities. STAR Teacher Grants are used for a variety of classroom purposes from iPads to science laboratory skeletons. Over the course of the past ten cycles, AEF has given over \$400,000 in total grants to deserving and hard-working teachers. The STAR Teacher Grants are funded by the AISD Payroll Deduction Donation Campaign and matching funds from Kaye Price-Hawkins/Priceless Literacy and the Greathouse Foundation.

AEF Scholarships

AEF Scholarships strive to reward outstanding students of AISD with scholarships in an effort to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible and to avoid huge post-graduation debt. In 2015, AEF gave away \$67,000 in scholarships!



Scholarships granted in 2015 include Abilene Education Foundation, AHS and CHS Alumni, Royce Curtis Excellence in Education, Donor Directed, Michele Scott Memorial, Cougar Nation, Rising Phoenix, Johnny Ortega Jr. Memorial, Larry Condra Memorial: Get Outdoors and Go Fishing, John McCabe Memorial, School Nutrition Association of Abilene, Citizens Bank of Abilene, Young Masters, Abernathy, BreLex Memorial and Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation.



Photo above: Mike Dudley and Christina Batten

GIFT Grants

The Judy Dudley Memorial GIFT (Giving to First-time Teachers) Grant is awarded to AISD employees who are teaching for the first time. Grant funds are for additional classroom materials to enhance those provided by the school district. Judy was a teacher at Fannin Elementary who loved her students and understood the importance of creating an inviting classroom for children to learn and grow. GIFT Grants are funded by Mike Dudley and The Martha Scott Carlson Endowment Fund held at Community Foundation of Abilene. Martha Scott Carlson, a retired teacher, provided the first donation to begin the GIFT Grant Program.



Martha Scott Carlson

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