

# El Reno Public Schools Foundation



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## *How is the Foundation unique among other education support groups in El Reno?*

- Only endowment exclusively for El Reno Public Schools
- Endowment insures perpetual source of supplemental funding, but does not replace traditional state, local, and federal sources or alter the amounts of these sources
- Impacts teachers who impact students
- Provides direct incentive/recognition of teachers
- Encourages innovative, creative thinking
- Rewards/encourages public educators at all levels

## *How do grant programs lead to overall improvements of El Reno's quality of education?*

- Many projects funded by the foundation are actually used as models for other classrooms and/or pilot programs
- Teachers who utilize new techniques often go on to train other teachers at their own site and throughout the district
- Successful pilot programs spread city-wide and can possibly lead to changes in curriculum and programs

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**Yes, I would like to help assure the quality of education in El Reno!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ \$250  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25  
My gift is eligible for matching funds by

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of company)

For this special occasion:  
I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
     in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
Please advise \_\_\_\_\_  
Whose mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to El Reno Public Schools Foundation*

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# El Reno Public Schools Foundation Mission Statement

The mission of the El Reno Public Schools Foundation, a non-profit entity, is to extend the existing curricula through innovative teaching projects, administer the endowed scholarship funds and implement annually the recognition of El Reno High School Distinguished Alumni.

The Foundation will use these means to fulfill this mission:

- Encourage faculty members at all grade levels to submit grant applications for teaching projects that are innovative and thought stimulating.
- Administer higher education scholarships to academically worthy El Reno High School graduates.
- Create funds by involving the community in a public auction every two years.
- Advertise a Phantom Party, without festivities, for contributions to support the work of the Foundation.
- Select annually three distinguished alumni of El Reno High School and honor them with plaques awarded during a recognition banquet.

The Foundation was founded in 1988. Since that time we have distributed over \$250,000 to our Grants-to-Teachers program. This year, 2009, we will be awarding scholarships to deserving El Reno High School graduates to further their educations. Thanks to the generosity of Wilbur and Jean Gardner, long time residents of El Reno, we have been able to endow between three and four \$4000 scholarships annually.

## 2009 Scholarship Recipients



**Amber Keeler**

graduated from EHS in 2008. She is currently attending SWOSU, majoring in English



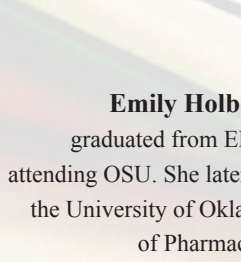
**Jared Krittenbrink**

graduated from EHS in 2008. He is attending OSU and will use this scholarship in pursuit of a degree in Civil Engineering.



**Erika Halley**

graduated from EHS in 2008 and is attending the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Letters.



**Emily Holbrook**

graduated from EHS and is attending OSU. She later plans to attend the University of Oklahoma School of Pharmacy.

## Who Benefits?



- **Students** benefit from projects that emphasize new approaches to teaching and innovative programs which stimulate thought and expand their curriculum.
- **Teachers** benefit because their innovative ideas can now be implemented. Creative programs that enhance the learning experience will be encouraged and rewarded.
- **Our Community** benefits by having a top quality educational system which impacts not only the quality of life but also economic development.

### How are funds handled?

- Each contribution is divided - half going into the endowment and half going into funds for grants and operating expenses
- Funds are carefully invested for maximum growth and safety



### How are grants selected?

- Each grant cycle has a separate committee
- Chairperson does not vote
- ERPSF Board makes final approval
- Recipients furnish cost logs and project reports