Fundraising

The Foundation has a variety of fundraising activities for community members of all ages.

Brick Walkway Campaign

The Foundation sells engraved bricks (at www.bef.org) that are used to pave the walkway in front of the Brewster High School entrance. Memorialize a loved one, recognize a friend, or honor a colleague.

Annual "Brewster's Got Talent" Show

A lively competition of the best of Brewster's local talent including song, dance, magic, theater, comedy and more. Great entertainment and cash prizes awarded to the top performers.

Annual Gala & Silent Auction

Each spring the Foundation holds its recognition and fundraising gala at the Salem Golf Club in North Salem with entertainment provided by members of the talented high school music department. At this time the Foundation toasts members of the community while celebrating another year of giving.

50-Year Graduate Reception

Fifty year graduates tour their former high school followed by a dinner and a commemorative ceremony with a special gift from the Foundation on the Friday evening before graduation. On Saturday they are the guests of honor at the high school commencement.

Corvette Raffle

This fundraiser provides a splash of color around town as the shiny new sports car makes its rounds selling tickets. Popular with auto enthusiasts, the fall drawing is eagerly anticipated. Tickets may also be purchased on-line at www.bef.org.

Alumni Connections

The Foundation endeavors to keep in touch with our graduates by providing an alumni pin at graduation and offering to help keep graduates in touch with each other and to establish an alumni scholarship.

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What is the Foundation?

The Brewster Education Foundation, founded in 1984, is a non-profit education foundation dedicated to supporting public education for all Brewster students through recognizing achievement, encouraging teaching initiatives, appropriating grants for hands-on, meaningful learning opportunities, and awarding scholarships.

History of the Foundation

The concept for a foundation originated in 1983 and was supported by dedicated community leaders and the Brewster Board of Education. It was the first such public school foundation in New York. Independent of the school district, the Brewster Education Foundation raises funds for projects beyond those supported by regular school resources. This additional funding helps fill the gap between the programs the district would like to have and those available to them through regular budgeting. Thus, the Foundation has established itself as a part of the support system for public education in the Brewster community, and involves the community in the pursuit of excellence in education.

Programs

Awards

The Foundation *annually awards over \$50,000 in cash scholarships* at Senior Award Night. Most of the awards are funded through permanent endowments, however, the *Seven Year Scholars program*, awarding \$500 to each graduating senior who maintained high honor roll status throughout grades 7 through 12 is also funded by the Foundation.

Grants

The Foundation Grant Program offers teachers the opportunity to request funds for unique, innovative, or creative projects that are not normally funded through the regular school budget. *Approximately \$24,000 in grants is awarded annually* by the BEF to teachers across the district. Some of the noteworthy proposals that have been funded over the years by the Foundation include:

- 9/11 Never Forget Memorial Mobile Museum to Brewster
- 3rd Grade Butterfly Study Project
- Revolutionary Encampment Day for 4th graders
- 4th Grade Colonial Fair
- C.V. Starr Brewster Education Foundation Library Media Center
- 5th Grade Aquatic Study
- Empathy in Action Integrating "Wonder" book
 In to the 6 grade curriculum
- Writer in Residence
- Safe School Ambassador program
- Brewster High School Humanities Symposium
- Nation to Nation: Researching Countries of the World
- Bridge Building/Engineering Club at BHS
- Skip Barber Safe Driving Experience for BHS students
- Chromebooks for Kids
- Microscope Project for CVS
- Modular Art Display Panels
- CPR & AED training for 8th grade students











Class Field Trips

In 2016 the Brewster Education Program sponsored and funded the first field trips for students in grades 2 and 5. The second graders headed to the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, CT, while the fifth graders went into New York City to the Museum of Natural History. These educational experiences could not take place without the generosity of the community and the donations provided through our Foundation's fundraising efforts. The Foundation is planning to make these class trips a permanent part of our program.

Class Gifts

Two years ago the Brewster Education Foundation began a new *Class Gift* program that provides graduating gifts for students in the second, fifth and eighth grades. Teachers, school administrators and BEF Board members collaboratively decide on appropriate gifts that acknowledge the academic accomplishments of the students as they graduate and move to the next level and school building. This past year the second graders received notepads and pens, the fifth graders received stainless steel water bottles, and the eighth graders received sports sacks.







Grade 5

Grade 8

The Brewster Education Foundation is always looking for dedicated individuals to join our Board. If you are interested in making a difference in the educational well-being of all students in the Brewster Central School District, please contact us through our website at www.bef.org