

Our Mission: The Peekskill Education Foundation, or PEF, is a community-based organization dedicated to enriching and expanding the educational experiences and cultural opportunities for all students within the Peekskill City School District. The PEF strives to advocate for our school community by focusing on raising funds to support and develop new program initiatives, while working to identify and foster partnerships between residents, businesses, and the Peekskill city schools. Our aim is to assist in meeting the goals of the school district.

We are an independent not-for-profit 501(c)3.



2018 Holiday Ornament Painting & Pottery Show at The Peekskill Clay Studios

Raising Resources for Achievement & Innovation to Support, Inspire, & Nourish Greatness in All Students

A diverse group of Peekskill residents who wish to facilitate connections between the community and the school district, to build upon the existing relationships, and take our school district to the next level by providing enrichment opportunities that will prepare our students for a competitive future. Founded in 2002 in close cooperation with the Peekskill City School District, the PEF's goals are to raise funds to support and develop new program initiatives designed to:

- Improve academic achievement in reading, science and math;
- Expand cultural enrichment experiences and opportunities in music and the arts;
- Create new opportunities for higher education for the district's students;
- Identify and foster partnerships between residents, businesses, and the Peekskill City Schools in order to develop a higher level of community involvement and financial support.

In Conjunction with the Peekskill City School District



Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



PTO's Focus



**Rigorous
PreK-12 Aligned
and Culturally
Responsive
Academics**



**Robust
Literacy
and STEAM
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child
Commitment**



**Enrichment
Experiences
For All**



**Powerful
Parent, Family
and Community
Partnerships**

Rigorous PreK-12 Aligned & Culturally Responsive Academics

Cultural responsive resources to support the equity effort to develop successful life long learners.

Robust Literacy & STEAM Opportunities

Project based learning to prepare students for a global society through robotics, engineering, coding & the arts.

Whole-Child Commitment

Curriculum supports & resources to nurture a healthy, safe, and caring community.

Enrichment Experiences For All

Extra curricular activities as well as focusing on enhancing and connecting the arts & sciences outside of school.



Grant Applications

District Staff and Teachers apply via a 2 phase application process. All applications are reviewed by the Grants committee based on the following 7 Evaluation Criteria points:

- Number of students reached (e.g. a whole grade or more than one class)
- Makes a meaningful difference or serves an important need
- Has potential long-term benefits for the participating students and the district
- Is a program or materials that can be replicated, expanded, or reused in the future
- Presents a specific and detailed method of evaluation
- Is exciting, creative, and will generate enthusiasm for learning
- Is aligned to a district goal

For more information or to submit an application visit our website or email us at: grants@thepeekskillededucationfoundation.org



Students at work in Peekskill Middle School and Woodside Elementary

Donation Policy:

All funds donated to the PEF go directly into the general fund to fulfill grant applications of district staff and teachers. Ear-marked donations for specific projects are accepted on a case by case basis, after review by the Board. To sponsor a specific project, please contact us to discuss the terms.

For a full list of Sponsorship Benefits visit our website or email us at: fundraising@thepeekskillededucationfoundation.org

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum Level: \$2,500+

Gold Level: \$1,000 - \$2,500

Silver Level: \$750 - \$999

Bronze Level: \$500 - \$749

Supporter Level: \$300 - \$499

Friendship Level: Up to \$300

2018-2019 Grants Awarded

March 2019- Realtor Luncheon \$2,500- Helped to fund a luncheon for local Realtors to hear presentations from the Peekskill City School District, the Peekskill Board of Education, and local staff. This event was to inform local Realtors of Peekskill benefits, so they can help their clients make informed decisions when buying a home in the area.

March 2019- NAACP Black Diamonds Fund Fundraiser \$2,760- Co-hosted with the NAACP to raise funds for the Black Diamond program. Funds were used to assist in the costs of taking young men of color on a series of college tours during April vacation.

April 2019- Art Supplies \$500- For the purchase of art supplies for PHS students to make art to be shown in a new gallery opening in Peekskill.

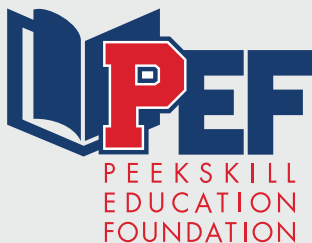
Spring 2019- Projector Project \$6,320- School District Advertising & Marketing for an outdoor projector to advertise PCSD events and happenings.

June 2019- The Judith Johnson Annual Scholarship \$1,000- Awarded to a High School graduate and first year college student who excels both in and out of school, and is a pillar of the community.

For a complete list of past grants, please contact us.



Woodsie Elementary School Greenhouse: opened 2019, funds raised via community coalition



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