

Hilton Education Foundation



2024 – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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“INVESTING IN EDUCATION”

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Are you looking for a way to support the students of Hilton Central School? The Hilton Education Foundation's focus is to provide the funding for additional opportunities to enrich the student's experience.

Your donations will help students and teachers who strive to go the extra mile in learning and educating. By contributing to Experiential Education opportunities such as field trips, or funding programs such as the Cadet Cupboard, the Foundation tries to support all students.

Every child needs a champion. You can join our donors, business and community leaders, and educators in being champions for the children in the Hilton Central School District.

Sincerely,
Pete Miles
President, HEF

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Who We Are

The Hilton Education Foundation (HEF) was established to receive gifts and donations that enrich and enhance educational opportunities for Hilton School District students. HEF is a non-partisan organization that functions legally and independently of the Hilton Central School District. As a 501(c)(3) corporation, all HEF contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided by law.

HEF is led by a volunteer Board of Directors whose members represent all segments of the community.

Our Mission

The Hilton Education Foundation's mission is to provide additional opportunities to stakeholders within the Hilton Central School District. The Foundation endeavors to ensure each student's academic, physical, emotional and social success. The Foundation is committed to Hilton students so they may become self-directed, lifelong learners who think critically and creatively and function as caring, responsible, productive members of society.

Our Vision

The Hilton Education Foundation is dedicated to enriching the education of students in the Hilton Central School District.

Our Goals

The goals of the Hilton Educational Foundation are:

- Solicit community and individual involvement that will increase public awareness of the Hilton Central School District and its programs;
- Provide funds to enhance and enrich educational opportunities for teachers and students in the Hilton Central School District;
- Raise revenue through grants, scholarships, donations, corporate and private gifts, wise investing and fundraising events to support projects and activities with the Hilton Central School District.

Scholarships and Charitable Funds

The Hilton Education Foundation manages scholarships and other charitable funds to help support public education in Hilton. The HEF also makes it easy for people and businesses to designate their gifts for specific programs or projects.

At the end of fiscal year 2025, the HEF managed the following funds to enhance educational excellence:

Al Mullan Memorial Scholarship
Arnold STEM Award
Bryssa Lynn Polatas Memorial Art Scholarship
Cadet Cupboard
Charmian Sercu Scholarship*
Colline Family Scholarship
Dimbleby Opportunity Scholarship
Donald W. Flemming Engineering Award
Dr. James D. Nundy Endowment Fund
Ellen Reitter Acts of Kindness Award
Experiential Learning Grant
Fitness & Wellness
HEF Endowment Fund
HEF Aggie Seneway Founder Scholarship
HEF Skilled Trades & Services Scholarship
HEF Woman's STEM Scholarship
Jennejahn Family Award
Larry Minch Memorial Scholarship*
Laura Downs Scholarship Fund
Lisa Tyding Scholarship
Marcus Gibbs Acres of Diamonds Scholarship
Distinguished Writers Award
Principal Checkbook
Washington Trip Fund

*Newly Established this year.

Scholarships are funded entirely by the families, individuals or organizations that have endowed them. The Education Foundation Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on merit, need, academic and professional experience, as well as preferred criteria established by those funding the scholarship. You may express your commitment as additional donations are welcome to any of the specific named scholarships or you may establish a new scholarship.

Pass – Through Funds

District Fitness and Wellness Committee

District Fitness and Wellness Committee will promote healthy life styles of students and school employees that may include, but not be limited to, physical, mental, emotional, and fiscal wellness.

Principal's Checkbook

Sponsored by the Summit Federal Credit Union

Annually the Board of Directors designates funds to the Principals' Checkbook for the purpose of providing help to students in need. Principals have complete access and discretion to spend their checkbook funds. Expenditures in the past have included: winter coats and boots, school supplies, art fees, field trips, graduation fees, cap and gown fees, and senior yearbooks.

The Principal's Checkbook program provides emergency funds for principals at the five Hilton School District schools. The program gives Hilton's principals the discretion to use a set amount of funds to help students pay for school supplies and other needs not addressed by the District.

Distinguished Writing Award



2025 Recipients Left to Right: Anthony DiBiase, Charizma Scott, Liana Spagnola, Ashley Price, AvaMay LoDolce.

Not Pictured: Devyn Donato, M. Milliman, CJ Zimmer

\$100 each

The HEF benefits all five schools in the HCSD consisting of Quest Elementary School, Northwood Elementary School, Village Elementary School, Merton Williams Middle School and Hilton High School.

The Hilton Education Foundation is proud to announce our 2025 Scholarship Recipients. The Scholarship Committee was impressed with all of the candidates, and the selection of scholarship recipients was very difficult because this graduating class is truly an outstanding group.

Scholarship funding is limited, however, to the Foundation's resources. If the funds had been available, the committee would have loved to award scholarships to every student who applied.

You can make an impact on future awards by contributing a tax deductible donation to the Hilton Education Foundation. Donors may set up a named scholarship or contribute to an existing fund. Either way, you'll be making a difference in the continued education of our Hilton students.

Following the review process, scores were tallied and 3 students were determined the awardees. They will each receive a Microsoft Surface Pro and \$2500.00 in scholarship funds to apply toward their Fall tuition.

We had so many applications for the Aggie Seneway Founder Scholarship that we decided to award 6 additional \$1000 scholarships in the name of Aggie Seneway.



Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.

Hilton Education Foundation Scholarships Awarded



2025 HEF Aggie Seneway Founder Scholarship

Sydney Fisher, \$2500 + Microsoft Surface Laptop

College Attending: University of Rochester, Neuroscience (Pre-Med Track)



2025 HEF Aggie Seneway Founder Scholarship

Left to Right: Mary Burke, Daphne Hix, Madison DeGraeve, AJ Padoleski, Andrew Paolini, Grant Wood
\$1000 each



2025 Hilton Education Foundation Woman's STEM Scholarship

Paige Siciliano, \$2500 + Microsoft Surface Laptop

College Attending: Syracuse University, Computer Engineering



2025 Hilton Education Foundation Skilled Trades & Services Scholarship

Patrick Case, \$2500 + Microsoft Surface Laptop

Scholarships the Foundation Manages



Arnold STEM Award - \$1200
Joanna Killinni



Marcus Gibbs Acres of Diamonds Scholarship - \$1000 each
Left to Right: Daphne Hix, Andrew Paolini, Tessa Geiger

Al Mullan Memorial Scholarship
Michael Hudson, Sofia Beghini



Lisa Tydings Scholarship - \$1000
Olivia Johnson



Jennejahn Family Award - \$200
Claire Turner



Ellen Reitter Acts of Kindness Award - \$1500
Kate Kosiorek



Charmian Sercu Scholarship - \$1000 each
Lindsey Bleier (Left), Jamese Mathews-Jones (Right)



Dr James D Nundy Endowment Fund - \$2000
Sydney Lenhard



Laura Downs Scholarship Fund - \$500
Mary Burke

Donald W. Flemming Engineering Award - \$2000
Tyler Reisinger

Larry Minch Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each
Tessa Knittel, Elena Graziano, John DiBattisto



Dimbleby Opportunity Scholarship - \$500
Joanna Killinni



Colline Family Award - \$500
Michael Hudson

Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients!

Donors 2024 – 2025

Gifts from Donors

Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, many donors made contributions to the Hilton Education Foundation. Some contributions established new charitable funds, while others were added to existing funds or were made in memory or in honor of a loved one. We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following donors for their generous gifts. Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted from this listing.

Matching Gifts Program

Microsoft Corporation
Benevity Corporation

Corporations

Summit Federal Credit Union
Microsoft Corporation
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ROC the Day

Individuals and Families

Alana and Aaron Unterborn
Connie Duff
Ory and Patricia Mee
Heart and Hand Quilt Guild

Ellen Reitter Kindness

Christine Andrew Nicklas
Daniel Cholish
Timothy & Mary Lancer
John and Patricia Rydberg

ROC the Day

James Fili II
John Kierecki
Connie Duff
Joann Kehrli-Merlau

Cadet Cupboard

Hilton Applefest Auto Show
Hilton Classic Wheels on Main Street
Hilton Employees Association
Family First Credit Union
Beth Maykovich

Al Mullan Scholarship

Brian Martin

Colline Family Scholarship

Vito Colline, Colline Family

Lisa Tydings Scholarship

Patricia W. Pickus

Donald W. Flemming

Timothy Buescher
Deborah Loesel

Distinguished Writers Award

Marilyn Waingarten

Jennejahn Family Award

Howard & Eleanor Sexton

Dr. James D. Nundy Endowment Fund

Nancy Snyder

Walter B. Sherwood

Marcus Gibbs Acres of Diamonds Scholarship

Scott Gibbs

Margaret Gibbs

In Memory of Larry Minch

Linda Minch

Daniel & Cheryl Schwind

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Tracy Carpenter

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Leo Feldman

Ben and Kim Rudd

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Kim King

Dan Sperber

Laurie Steele-Sperber

Linda Lovejoy

Alexa Miles

ROC THE DAY

powered by United Way

ROC THE DAY 2025 DONORS

In Memory of John and Sarah Kierecki
John Kierecki

In Memory of Aggie Seneway
Connie Duff

James Fili II

Joann Kehrli-Merlau



Cadet Cupboard, a food pantry for the students in the Hilton Central School District. Children in need are provided with essential, nutritious food that they can subtly take home and safely prepare on their own. Food is a basic need for everyone but especially for growing children. Childhood nutrition is critical to their mental and physical development.

Thank you generous donors!

This list is intended for recognition purposes and was compiled from HEF donation records to show contributors' aggregate financial support. It is not intended to serve as a written acknowledgment of the tax deductibility of any gift or any portion thereof. We sincerely apologize if your name was misspelled or inadvertently missed!

Please help us avoid repeating the error by emailing hef@hiltoneducationfoundation.org

Your generosity is vital to our mission of connecting kids to greatness. To make a donation online, please visit www.hiltoneducationfoundation.org

Payroll Deduction

Many employees of the Hilton School District participate in a payroll deduction program to benefit the Hilton Education Foundation. The Foundation appreciates this direct support and the enthusiasm that these employees have shown toward the quality educational programs that it has been honored to fund. Here are some of the employees that have had money taken out over the years in support of the Hilton Education Foundation:

Karen Spillman
Ben Rudd
Michele Farrell
Candace Henry
Dora Hayes

Candice Hudson
Sara Unterborn
Adam Geist
Laurie Steele-Sperber

Stephen Cudzilo
Mark Edwards
Emilie Sears
Shannon Ingles

Gifts-in-Kind

We gratefully acknowledge the following businesses and individuals for their in-kind goods or service contributions:

Hilton Central School District
Dan Sperber
Scott Ziobrowski
Summit Federal Credit Union
Brad Helmer
Ryan Rockefeller

Statement of Activities
Year End June 30, 2025

Revenue

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Donations/Income | \$ 8423.00 |
| Pass-Through Funds | \$ 0.00 |
| Memory of | \$ 2080.00 |
| Match | \$ 5508.25 |
| Fundraising | \$ 3034.54 |
| Scholarships/Awards | <u>\$ 13790.69</u> |

Total Revenue **\$ 32836.48**

Expenses

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Grants and Awards | \$ 14799.25 |
| Scholarships | \$ 16000.00 |
| Operation Expenses | \$ 1580.75 |
| Pass – Through Funds | \$ 2616.50 |
| Cadet Cupboard | \$ 3237.00 |
| Fundraising | <u>\$ 1324.97</u> |

Total Expenses **\$ 39558.47**

Net Assets

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning of Year | \$166,556.11 |
| End of Year | \$169,576.43 |

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