

Mayfield Academic Boosters Club

Position Statement on Scholarships

From time to time the Mayfield Academic Boosters Club is asked about its position on awarding scholarships to Mayfield students. While the Club believes awarding scholarships is great for the student and wonderful publicity for the organization that provides the scholarship, the mission for Academic Boosters is different. The Academic Boosters Club provides financial support to teachers, staff members, and recognized school groups throughout the entire Mayfield school district. The Club raises funds primarily through membership fees, a reverse raffle, and the Practice ACT exam to carry out its activities, which include funding deserving projects for many students.

The Mayfield Academic Boosters Club provides a mini-grant program that allows teachers and staff members from all Mayfield schools—elementary, middle, and high school—to apply for funds to help subsidize materials and activities in the classroom and school. The Club strives to fund academic activities that have a direct and immediate impact on large numbers of students rather than on individuals. These mini-grants are designed to encourage staff members to promote creative activities for their students.

Hundreds of students and dozens of staff members benefit each year from the various projects that the Mayfield Academic Boosters support. During the 2008-2009 school year the Academic Boosters, through the generous support of the Mayfield community, provided over \$6,000 in funding for 15 projects, which included Science Olympiad at both the middle and high schools, a Title 1 family event covering all the elementary schools, a high school musical, a middle school poetry book, and an elementary school computer cable hookup.

The mini-grant process begins with a “Mayfield Academic Boosters Club Mini-Grant Funding Request Form” completed by a Mayfield City School District staff member seeking financial support from the Academic Boosters. The mini-grant requests are reviewed at the Academic Boosters board meetings, which are held on the first Friday of every month during the school year in the 10-12 conference room at the high school.

In conclusion, instead of focusing its efforts on providing financial assistance through scholarships to individual students—however deserving they may be—the Mayfield Academic Boosters Club endeavors to provide financial assistance to where it will do the most good to the greatest number of students, thereby, keeping with its overall goal “to promote and enrich the academic climate of the Mayfield Schools.”