DONOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COLLIERVILLE
Education Foundation
Inspiring Excellence. Empowering Dreams.

Your support helps Collierville teachers bring innovative ideas to life and gives students access to learning experiences beyond the standard classroom budget. This guide explains how CEF uses donations and how you can give.

Your gift and its impact

What is the Collierville Education Foundation?

CEF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that partners with individuals, businesses, and the community to enrich education in Collierville Schools. Our central focus is funding teacher grants that provide classroom resources and expand student learning opportunities.

Why donate when schools already receive public funding?

Public funding supports the essential work of our schools. CEF helps teachers add educational resources and experiences that go beyond what existing budgets can provide. Donations help turn teacher-designed ideas into engaging lessons for students.

Where does my donation go?

Donations support CEF's charitable work, with teacher grants at the center of our mission. Grants provide educational materials and equipment for projects across subjects and grade levels. CEF also needs resources to administer programs, manage finances, and maintain the partnerships and fundraising that sustain this work. Contact us to discuss supporting a particular program.

How are teacher grants selected?

Teachers submit detailed applications for Board review. Each grant application is evaluated anonymously by a team of three readers to support a fair and impartial review process. Applications are evaluated for measurable educational impact and the potential to benefit students across classrooms or campuses. Funding decisions also depend on available resources. Our teacher-grant program supports schools, subjects, and grade levels throughout Collierville Schools.

What would change if more funding were available?

More funding would allow CEF to support more eligible teacher grants and move closer to our goal of funding every eligible request. It could also help teachers expand successful projects to additional classrooms and make larger, shared learning resources possible. The result would be more students benefiting from hands-on learning, updated educational tools, and creative instruction.

Where would additional funding go?

Our central priority would remain eligible teacher grants. Depending on the applications received, additional support could fund resources for literacy and math, science and technology projects, arts and media equipment, outdoor learning, or career-related instruction. Specific allocations would depend on grant review, educational impact, donor restrictions accepted by CEF, and the approved budget. Additional resources could also strengthen program administration and sustainability.

Ways to give

How can I donate?

Give online through our Get Involved page, become a monthly donor, or mail a check payable to Collierville Education Foundation. Mail checks to Collierville Education Foundation, c/o Collierville Schools, 215 W. Poplar Avenue, Collierville, TN 38017. You can also contact us to discuss business partnerships or a grant recommendation from your Donor Advised Fund.

What is a Donor Advised Fund?

A Donor Advised Fund is a charitable giving account maintained by a sponsoring nonprofit organization. Donors contribute to the account and may recommend grants to eligible charities. The sponsoring organization retains legal control of the funds and approves grant recommendations.

How can I support CEF through my Donor Advised Fund?

Log in to your Donor Advised Fund provider's account and recommend a grant to Collierville Education Foundation Inc., EIN 62-1693056. Select general support or contact us first to discuss a particular charitable purpose. Your provider will review the recommendation and send approved funds directly to CEF. Include your name and contact information if you would like us to acknowledge your support.

What information does my Donor Advised Fund provider need?

Organization: Collierville Education Foundation Inc.
Federal Tax ID / EIN: 62-1693056
Mailing address: c/o Collierville Schools, 215 W. Poplar Avenue, Collierville, TN 38017
Contact: info@colliervilleeducationfoundation.org | (901) 860-4934

Can a Donor Advised Fund grant pay for gala tickets or auction purchases?

Donor Advised Fund grants cannot be used for tickets, auction purchases, or other transactions that provide a personal benefit to the donor. For event sponsorships, check with your Donor Advised Fund provider and CEF before recommending a grant, particularly if the package includes admission or other benefits.

Are donations tax deductible?

CEF is a 501(c)(3) organization. Charitable gifts may be tax deductible to the extent permitted by law; payments that include goods or services may be treated differently. A grant from a Donor Advised Fund generally does not create a second charitable deduction for the donor. Consult your tax adviser or Donor Advised Fund provider about your circumstances.

Can I support a particular subject or project?

Please contact us before making a restricted gift so we can discuss eligible needs and confirm whether CEF can accept the proposed restriction. General support provides flexibility to respond to educational priorities through the grant process

Who can help me plan my gift or learn more?

Contact Hinna Jamal, Executive Director, at info@colliervilleeducationfoundation.org or (901) 860-4934. Visit www.colliervilleeducationfoundation.org/get-involved to give or learn more.