

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools



Sponsorship Opportunities

2025 - 2026

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About Us

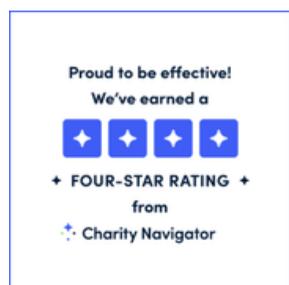
The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), charitable education foundation. Founded in 1986, our mission is to enhance and enrich the quality of public education in Lee County for students and educators.

As the 8th largest school district in the state of Florida with over 103,000 students, our Foundation recognizes the challenges of educating a large, diverse student body in today's highly competitive, complex and fast-changing environment.

We're a business-led and community-led foundation, providing financial support for outstanding student programs, scholarships, classroom grants, educator recognition, mentoring programs, career discovery, and so much more.

The Foundation's programs, resources, and experiences are made possible through corporate, individual, and education partnerships.

Quotes



"The Foundation team and everyone involved in Golden Apple made me feel so special and valued as a teacher. I am so proud to represent all our outstanding educators in Lee County." – **Danielle Hopkins**, 2025 Golden Apple Teacher

"This project was so necessary for our special needs students, as many of them don't have the opportunity to participate in sports or recreational activities. The Foundation helped us improve the quality of the skills we teach and ensure our students enjoy and develop in a healthy way."
– **Rolando Diaz Rodriguez**, Buckingham Exceptional Student Center

Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program™

The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program™ was the first major project founded and developed by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. Since its inception thirty-nine years ago as a way to enhance public education by recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching, the Foundation has awarded over 200 educators with the prestigious Golden Apple.

Events

Formal Announcement

Meet the thirty finalists over food, drinks, and networking

McDonald's Breakfast

Unveil trayliners with the finalists used at local McDonald's in the area

Social

Socialize with teachers past and present at Chico's FAS, Inc.

Surprise Day

Hop on a charter bus to surprise six recipients in their classroom

Meet & Greet with Major Sponsors

Private dinner to learn more about why each recipient is a great representative of the teaching profession

Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet

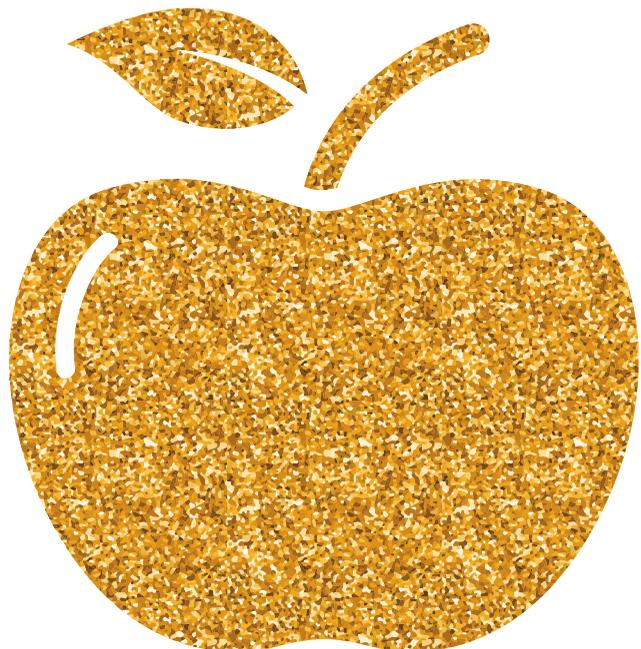
Black-tie affair that allows the community to recognize the recipients, Teachers of Distinction, Academy of Teachers, and all teachers throughout the School District of Lee County

Collegium for the Advancement of Education

A week-long quality training seminar for Golden Apple recipients and eligible finalists providing professional and personal growth opportunities

Academy of Teachers Banquet

Intimate banquet as we induct the six recipients into the Academy of Teachers

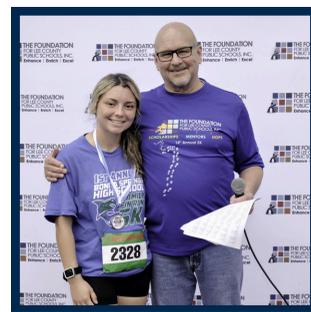


Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$15,000)	Silver (\$5,000)	Table (\$2,500)
Recognition in event program, presentations, and on sponsor boards	Logo	Logo	Name
Recognition on event invitation with company name	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in television credits	Logo	Name	
Recognition in full page News-Press ad	Logo	Name	Name
Recognition on Foundation website and social media	Logo	Logo	Name
Recognition and participation during pre-program as escorts at banquet	✓	✓	
Two tables of four guests at the banquet with company logo	✓	✓	
One reserved table of four guests at banquet with company name			✓
Two stage seats at banquet	✓		
Invite for two to the Golden Apple Social	✓	✓	
Invite on the surprise bus	Two Seats	One Seat	
Invite to the Collegium Academy of Teachers banquet	Four Seats	Two Seats	
Invite for two to the Formal Finalist Announcement, two to the McDonald's Breakfast and one to the Meet & Greet dinner	✓		
Invitation to participate on the selection committee	✓		
Company name on McDonald's trayliners	✓		
Recognition on all print and media on Golden Apple	✓		
Logo and name printed on Collegium training materials	✓		

Take Stock in Children Strides for Education 5K

The Annual Strides for Education 5k Walk/Run is a fundraiser that directly benefits Lee County's Take Stock in Children mentoring program by ensuring that each of our graduates receive four-year college tuition scholarships.



Sponsorships

Recognition	*Title (\$10,000)	Major (2,500)	Gold (\$1,000)	Silver (\$500)
Recognition on Foundation website	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Recognition on race day shirt	Logo on sleeve	Logo	Logo	Name
Recognition on registration website	Logo	Logo	Name	
Recognition on all media and print	Name	Name	Name	
Booth or table at event on event day	✓	✓		
Recognition during event program	✓	✓		
Address group prior to race	✓			
Banner displayed at finish line	✓			
Free registrations	Six	Four	Two	

*only one

Classroom, School & District Grants

The Foundation administers its own grants program to benefit the School District of Lee County. These grants provide an opportunity for educators and administrators to purchase the tools necessary to create innovative learning experiences and hands-on activities for students.

Grant Categories

This program is made possible in partnership with:

Arts
Health/Fitness/Nutrition
Literacy
STEM



School District Education
Foundation Matching
Grant Program



Teacher Testimony

“Many of our students face economic and social challenges, and opportunity for hands-on, real-world learning can be limited. The school garden gave them a chance to engage in meaningful, experiential learning that connected STEM education to their everyday lives in a powerful and practical way.”

– **Barbara Rebeor**, *Harns Marsh Middle*

Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$5,000)	Gold (\$2,500)	Silver (\$1,000)	Bronze (\$500)
Recognition in all printed materials (programs, invites, flyers, presentations, etc.)	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Recognition on Foundation website grant page and social media	Logo	Name		
Invitation to be on the selection committee	✓	✓	✓	
Invitation to grant reception	Four Seats	Two Seats	One Seat	One Seat
Participation in grant reception	✓	✓		

Partners in Education/ State of our Schools

Our annual Partners in Education/State of our Schools event gives the School District of Lee County an opportunity to recognize all the outstanding business partners the community has that help support the schools. Representatives of all Lee County public schools, as well as one of their business partners, are invited to socialize and enjoy breakfast.

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Gavin Dimaria, *Trafalgar Middle*

Volunteer of the Year

Jeff Rennison, *The Alva School*

Senior Volunteer of the Year

Michael Pedersen, *Mariner High*

Community Partner of the Year

Impact Franklin Park, *Dr. William Glover*
The Sanibel School Fund, *Dorothy Plumb*

Business Partner of the Year

Culver's of North Fort Myers, *Miguel Carmona*
Downtown House of Pizza, *Jason Kohn*



Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$4,000)	Contributing (\$2,000)
Recognition during breakfast program	Logo	Name
Recognition on Foundation website	Logo	Name
Recognition on event sponsor boards, slideshow, invitations, program, and media	Logo	Name
Seats with logo on table	Six Premium	Four Reserve

Kids Tag Art



Lee County Kids Tag Art is an educational fundraising project created in partnership with the Lee County Tax Collector's office and designed to benefit the art classrooms in the School District of Lee County. The program is offered annually to each elementary schools' fifth-grade students. The students have an opportunity to create a unique design that is then made in to a front-end license plate that can be purchased.

Specialty Awards

Tax Collector's Choice Award

One Award of Distinction recipient chosen by the Lee County Tax Collector
This year's recipient is **Adriana Valdez** from *Allen Park Elementary*.

Community Heroes Award

Presented to one student whose design celebrates an everyday hero;
chosen by the Foundation
This year's recipient is **Adrian Castillo** from *Trafalgar Elementary*.

School Spirit Award

Presented to one student whose design captures what he or she loves
about school; chosen by the School District of Lee County
This year's recipient is **Giovanni Rivera** from *Patriot Elementary*.

Florida Explorer Award

Presented to one student whose design best captures Florida's environment
and wildlife; chosen by Suncoast Credit Union
This year's recipient is **Celina Dominguez** from *Trafalgar Elementary*.

Teacher Tag Art

Why let the kids have all the fun? Teachers can join in by designing an arts
education themed plate
This year's recipient is **Michele Sipos** from *San Carlos Park Elementary*.



Sponsorships

Recognition	*Title (\$15,000)	Gold (\$5,000)	Silver (\$1,500)	Bronze (\$500)
Recognition in all print materials	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Recognition on Tax Collector & Foundation KTA page	Logo	Name	Name	Name
Invitation to Award of Distinction program	✓	✓	✓	
Recognition at in-service day for school district	✓	✓		
Logo featured on Motor Vehicle Network at six locations	✓	✓		
Specially named award at Award of Distinction program; selected and presented by company	✓			
Company logo displayed on all KTA plates	✓			

*only one

Wicked Walk

A collaboration project between The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to celebrate the arts in Lee County and the achievements of student artists with a spooky twist. All proceeds from the event support the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and the Fine & Performing Arts departments of the Lee County School District, addressing crucial needs across various disciplines, such as offsetting rising costs, costume renewals, student enrichment, and competition access.



Sponsorships

Recognition	*Title (\$5,000)	Spooky Scene (\$2,500)	Student Gallery (\$1,500)
Recognition in playbill	Logo	Name	Name
Advertisement in playbill	Full Page	1/2 Page	1/4 Page
Recognition on FLCPS & SBDAC website	Logo	Name	Name
Tickets to Wicked Walk	Ten	Six	Four
Logo recognition on print materials	✓	✓	
Logo on building banner and stage	✓		

*only one

Other Ways



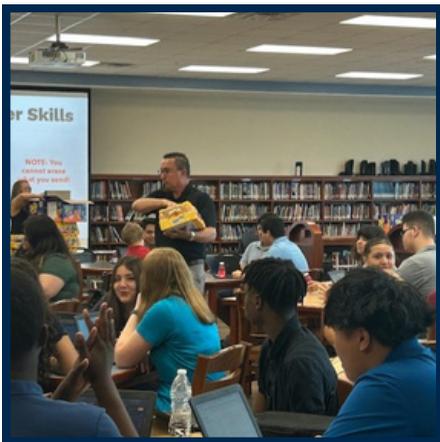
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