

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools



Sponsorship Opportunities

2026 - 2027

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About Us

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. 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 102,000 students, our Foundation recognizes the challenges of educating a large, diverse student body in today's highly competitive, complex and fast-changing environment.

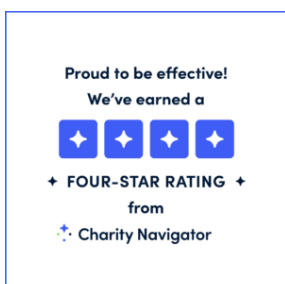
We're a business-led and community-led foundation, providing financial support for outstanding student programs, scholarships, classroom grants, educator recognition, mentoring programs, career discovery, and so much more.

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

Quotes

"Thank you to the Foundation and all Classroom Grant funders for making this STEM experience possible. Your investment inspired curiosity, confidence, and meaningful real-world learning for my students."
– **Amadis Valentin**, *Lehigh Elementary*

"Take Stock in Children builds people. It teaches students how to grow into adults, gain confidence, and how to prepare for the real world. As we move towards our future, I hope we remember everything this program taught us because one day, we will be the people helping the next generation cross their finish line."
– **Emily Moral**, *2026 Take Stock in Children Graduate*



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 forty years ago as a way to enhance public education by recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching, the Foundation has awarded 224 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 the six recipients in their classrooms

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 and celebrate the Recipients, Finalists, 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



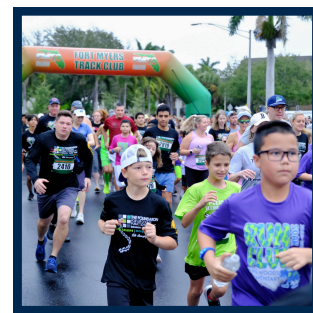
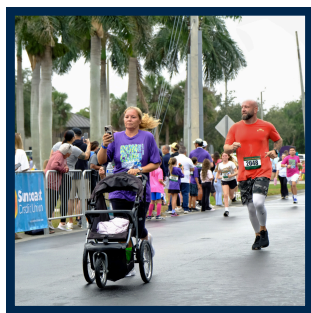
Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$15,000)	Silver (\$7,500)	Table (\$3,000)
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 for 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 for the Formal Finalist Announcement, two for 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 for Golden Apple	✓		
Logo and name printed on Collegium training materials	✓		

*additional tickets are \$200 each

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.

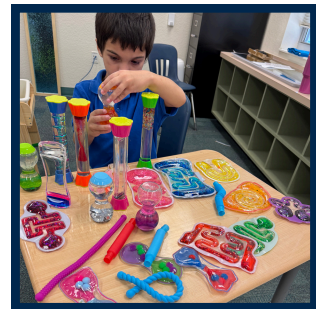
Grant Categories

This program is made possible in partnership with:

Arts
Health/Fitness/Nutrition
Literacy
STEM



School District Education
Foundation Matching
Grant Program



Teacher Testimony

“This project improved student engagement, reading skills, and provided teachers with meaningful tools to support literacy instruction. Thank you to the funders and everybody who supports this program.”

– **Judy Arana**, *Skyline Elementary*

Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$5,000)	Gold (\$3,000)	Silver (\$1,500)
Recognition in all printed materials (programs, invites, flyers, presentations, etc.)	Logo	Logo	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
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.

Volunteer of the Year

Jimey Moad, North Fort Myers High

Community Partner of the Year

AMVETS Post 81, Carly Harkins and Debbie Beck

United Way, Hannah Pelle

Business Partner of the Year

Rack Room Shoes, Tracy Fitzgerald

Skanska, Trenton LeBlanc



Sponsorships

Recognition	Major (\$5,000)	Contributing (\$2,500)
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

*additional tickets are \$150 each

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

Community Heroes Award

Presented to one student whose design celebrates an everyday hero; chosen by the Foundation

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

Florida Explorer Award

Presented to one student whose design best captures Florida's environment and wildlife; chosen by Suncoast Credit Union

Teacher Tag Art

Why let the kids have all the fun? Teachers can join in by designing an arts education themed plate



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	✓			

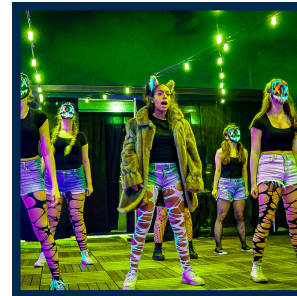
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Wicked Walk



Wicked Walk is a collaboration fundraiser between the School District of Lee County Arts Programs, the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, and the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center that creates an interactive, “haunted arts” tour where participants can interact and experience the production of Lee County visual and performing arts students. All proceeds from the event support the participating educators of the School District of Lee County Public Schools and the Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center.



See our wishlist!

Sponsorships

Recognition	*Title (\$7,500)	Spooky Scene (\$3,000)	Student Gallery (\$1,500)
Table at event	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in digital playbill	Logo	Name	Name
Advertisement in digital 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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