

# Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation

## AOEF

### What is the AOEF?

The Argenta – Oreana Educational Foundation was established in 2010 and is governed by a group of volunteers who believe in the value of education. In 2011, the AOEF accomplished their first goal of securing 501© 3 non-profit organization status.

We are dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for **students** and promoting the **District's** academic programs.

Although the Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation operates independently from the Argenta-Oreana Community Unit School District 1, its board of directors work closely with the Board of Education and **district** administration in assessing needs and developing ways to support creative teaching and enrichment programs. The Foundation solicits suggestions from school personnel, alumni, and the **community** at large.

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### Mission

Our mission is to partner with the **community** to fund educational opportunities and initiatives that will inspire excellence and enrich the total educational experience of all **students** in the Argenta-Oreana school **district** through the generation, attraction and distribution of financial and other resources.

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### Goals

- Promote lasting educational improvements in the Argenta-Oreana School **district**
- Generate funds to advance the Educational Foundation's mission.
- Promote a positive image of the Argenta-Oreana School **District** to the **community** and beyond, and encourage the entire **community** to support its schools.
- Foster academic achievement for all **students** by supporting and promoting the **District's** academic programs and accomplishments.
- Increase **community** pride and support for the Argenta-Oreana School **District** and its high academic standards.

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### How will funds be utilized?

1. In ways that are consistent with the mission of the AOEF.
2. For the specified wishes of those contributing funds as long as these wishes are approved by the AOEF Board of Directors and the A-O CUSD #1 Board of Education.
3. Educator grants.

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### How can I help?

The support of individuals and businesses in our educational **community** is essential for the Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation. Individuals, businesses, corporations, and foundations may support the foundation in various ways including donations, memorials, and service.

Together with fund raising events, these gifts are put to work in the Argenta-Oreana **district** in the form of materials and academic programs.

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### **How do I Make a Donation?**

The Foundation welcomes contributions. The mailing address of the Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation is:

Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation  
Attn: Superintendent Jones  
500 N. Main St., PO Box 440  
Argenta, IL 62501

### **Donor Opportunities:**

#### Cash Gift

The easiest way is to make a cash (or check) gift, in the amount you choose, to the Foundation. Cash gifts are immediately available to enhance A-O students' educational opportunities. Please make checks payable to the Argenta-Oreana Educational Foundation.

#### Memorial Gifts

A contribution to the AOEF can be made in memory of your loved one.

#### Honorary Gifts

This is a wonderful way to honor a person or to commemorate a special occasion.

#### Leaving a Legacy

There are several ways to leave a legacy to the AOEF. You can give by naming the Foundation in your will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. A gift of real estate or other property is another way to leave a legacy. Your attorney can help you with this.

#### All Donors/Contributors are encouraged to share the following information:

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Check all that apply:

Parent

Grandparent

Community member

Corporate Donor

Current/former staff member

A-O High School Alumnus, year \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep my donation confidential

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## **Donor Recognition Levels**

### **Cumulative Donation Levels**

Visionary	\$10,000 or more
Advocate	\$5,000-\$9,999
Benefactor	\$2,500-\$4,999
Cornerstone	\$1,500-\$2,499

### **Annual Donation Levels**

Gold	\$1,000 or more
Silver	\$500-\$999
Bronze	\$100-\$499
Patron	\$25-\$99

**\* Donations to Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) organizations are usually tax deductible. Please refer to IRS Publication 526 for further clarification.**