



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Fall 2022/WINTER 2023

TEF INFORMATIONAL MEETING - TUES. JAN 10, 2023

Please join us to learn more about the rewarding opportunity to volunteer with the Touchet Educational Foundation. Existing board members have served for many years, we look forward to new ideas and enthusiasm to continue to lead TEF forward! At the school library at 7 p.m.

“STATE OF THE FOUNDATION” ADDRESS

Strengths

Strong financial position - the generosity of community members, alumni and businesses during these past 2 years has been tremendous. We have a healthy reserve and are in our strongest position ever since 2003! We are so proud to have awarded over \$576,000!

Permanently funded scholarships - endowment funds with Blue Mountain Community Found. mean 12-14 scholarships for Touchet graduates are funded no matter what happens in the future.

Local decision-making & policies - the TEF Board of Directors consists of community members & alumni to run the organization and scholarship programs for the benefit of THS graduates.

Every senior can receive a scholarship - all they need to do is help with scholarship fundraising and apply by the spring deadline.

People have been generous by donating, other people have offered to help at a fundraiser. **The reality is, “helping” just isn’t enough to keep TEF going.**

Challenges

Additional NEW BOARD MEMBERS needed by spring 2023!

We are so excited to announce that community members **LES DOERING and KIMBERLY NIEMEYER** have recently joined the TEF Board of Directors!! We still need 2-3 more people to join us by spring. We had 1 board member move away, 1 stepping away to care for an aging parent, and 1 that will be traveling more in retirement. **PLEASE COME VOLUNTEER WITH TEF!**

TEF can only continue as a local organization if we have community members or alumni (Touchet/Walla Walla area) willing to commit to be on the Board of Directors—to be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer—to attend board meetings, to do the work necessary to run the organization. Families that will benefit from future scholarships need to step up and take their turn!

If we have to turn our funds over to BMCF to administer our scholarships, local decision-making and control will be lost. Some scholarships would continue, but the application process and selections would all be through BMCF. No local board for decision-making. There would no longer be a scholarship for every senior.

***** PLEASE HELP THE SUCCESS OF TEF CONTINUE *****

In 20 years, we’ve awarded \$576,680. That’s a yearly average of \$28,839. With no local TEF board of directors to administer our scholarship program, no annual fundraiser, no newsletters to keep our scholarship program in the minds of donors, the number and size of scholarship awards would diminish drastically in the years to come.

TEF WINTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Grand Prize \$2,500.00

2 Night Stay Restaurant plus other
51 E. Main Bundle various prizes
Walla Walla

Raffle Tickets: **\$10.00** Do not need to be present to win

Drawing: Saturday, February 18, 2023

TICKET SALES BY SENIOR CLASS & TEF

Grand Prize sponsored by: United Seed Services & Atkinson Construction
51 E. Main donation by Ron & Dana Dunning

THS Class of 2023 ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Joey Calcagni, Deegan Dodd, Mackenzie Forbes, Alexis Gonzalez, Emily Hilbert, Daniel Lopez, Tanya Luna, Jayson Martinez, Inry Mendoza, Brayan Orozco, Giovanni Rodriguez, Noah Villalpando, Scott Wiberg, Grayson Zessin

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

John Brown Jr. (THS Class of 2003) received the Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship for \$1000. He received his Associate Degree from WWCC in 2005 and pursued various opportunities in the years that followed, which led to having a family and putting off further education for a time. He is now enrolled at Western Governor's University (WGU) through an online program to finish his Teaching Degree. He lives in Touchet and is very involved in the community and in getting youth sports programs more active, as well as being the High School football coach and Middle School baseball coach. He hopes to eventually become a teacher at Touchet. We are pleased to be able to assist Johnny as he continues his education!



Elias Martinez (THS Class of 2014) received the Continuing Education Scholarship in memory of Ron Dunning, Jr. for \$1000. He graduated from the University of Washington in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, with a number of pre-Med credits. He was accepted to both George Washington University (Washington DC) and Rosalind Franklin University School of Medicine. He decided to stay in Chicago and attend Rosalind Franklin University, where he plans to complete the Master's Program in 2024 to become a Physician Assistant. Best of luck, Elias!



Touchet Educational Foundation

Dedicated to serving the graduates of our community through college scholarships
20 graduating classes 344 students \$576,780 awarded in scholarships

TEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President - Marilyn Schaecher (Class of '72)
Treasurer - Melissa Cummins (Class of '73)
Secretary - Carol Hopkins (Class of '87)
 Ron Dunning (Class of '65)
 Sandy Reppe, Jessica Pedroza, Les Doering
 Kimberly Niemeyer

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Mission Statement

To provide financial support for Touchet students in pursuit of educational opportunities,
 and to encourage community support for higher education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retiring Board Member: We would like to thank and acknowledge SANDRA BRADLEY for her many years of service to the Touchet Educational Foundation, having served most recently as our President. We appreciate all she has done for Touchet!

Touchet High School Alumni Updates—College Graduations

Class of 2013 **Kristen Warner**, Washington State University Tri-Cities 2022, B.S. Nursing

Class of 2017 **Laura Pedroza**, Eastern Washington University 2021

Jorge Nateras, Eastern Washington University 2021, BS Exercise Science

Jacob Schaeffer LaRoque, Washington State University 2022, B.S. Agricultural & Food Systems

Class of 2018 **Kylie Barnett**, Walla Walla Community College 2022, Assoc in Nursing, RN

Amin Acevedo, Whitworth University 2022

Katie Skramstad, Multnomah University 2022

Class of 2019 **Madisyn Gallaher**, Washington State University 2022, B.S. Animal Science

Congratulations to our past Touchet graduates as they have furthered their education!

If you know additional graduates to recognize, please email the info to

touchetedfund@yahoo.com and we'll be happy to include them in next fall's newsletter!

**THANK YOU NOTES** ~ a sampling of just a few of the many notes we received

Rosetta Renwick (Class of 2022) Thank you for your generous support and faith in Touchet graduates looking to continue their education!

Emma Borgens (Class of 2022) Thank you for my scholarships. I plan to go to WWCC for the Culinary Arts program and hope to get the chance to learn about other cultures through food, somewhere in my career path.

Carson Baxter (Class of 2022) Thank you so much for the yearly dedication and hard work for us and Touchet. It means so much to me that you are able to help me and many others in their future aspirations!

Saige Smith (Class of 2022) Thank you so much for Touchet Gun Club Valedictorian Scholarship, it means so much to me to be able to receive such support from our community. I thank you!

Kaiden McMakin (Class of 2022) Thank you for awarding me the \$1000 merit scholarship. I'm excited to see what my future holds at WWCC, thank you once more for helping me start a better future.

John Brown, Jr. (Class of 2003) I would like to extend my gratitude for choosing me as the recipient of this year's Eileen Collier Continuing Ed scholarship. I will keep this generosity in my thoughts as I work my through my courses at WGU and will do everything in my power to make you all proud of my accomplishments in the future. I am excited to keep you updated on my progress and help TEF in any ways that I can in our community.

Elias Martinez (Class of 2014) Thank you for your generous \$1000 Continuing Ed Scholarship in memory of Ron Dunning Jr. My first quarter in the Rosalind Franklin University PA Program has gone phenomenally. Thanks to your scholarship, I am one step closer to my goal. You have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me.

Class of 2022 –TEF Awarded \$28,250 in Scholarships

Saige Smith, Washington State University

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Touchet Gun Club Valedictorian Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$ 500
Florence (Aichele) Adams Memorial Scholarship	\$ 500

Braden McGreevy, WyoTech

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Salutatorian Scholarship	\$ 750
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$ 500
Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins	\$ 500

Rosetta Renwick, Washington State University

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$ 500
Adams Family Scholarship in memory of Alvin & Mary'O Adams	\$1000
Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins	\$ 500
Alumni Scholarship in memory of Oscar Ferrians	\$ 500
FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger	\$ 250
Dave Reppe Memorial Scholarship	\$ 250

Brenna Huntley, BYU—Idaho

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
TEF Recognition Scholarship	\$ 500

Hannah Dial, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Leadership Scholarship in memory of Paul & Wilbur Garbe, Jr.	\$ 500
FFA Scholarship in memory of Richard Garbe—State Farmer	\$ 500
Education Scholarship in memory of Elbert & Helen Durfee	\$ 500

Deisy Angeles, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Callander Family Scholarship	\$ 500

Emma Borgens, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Tri-Community Homemaker's Scholarship	\$ 500

Ivan Angeles, undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Carson Baxter, Washington State University

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Taryn Lewis, Walla Walla Community College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
Don & Evelyn (McCubbins) Patterson Memorial Scholarship	\$ 500

Seth Ogden, undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Lesly Novoa, WW Comm College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Salvador Berumen, Columbia Basin

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Kaiden McMakin, WW Comm College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Noemi Hernandez, undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Diego Zamora, undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Derek Jones, WW Comm College

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Damian Hernandez, undecided

TEF Merit Scholarship	\$1000
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Best of luck to the Class of 2022



Continuing Education Scholarships—\$4,500

Eileen Collier Scholarship—\$1000

Eileen Cummins Collier graduated in 1919, leaving a contribution to TEF when she passed away at the age of 102. Awarded to **Johnny Brown, class of 2003**, attending Western Governors University, completing a Bachelors Degree in Education, K-8 Mathematics.

Ron Dunning, Jr. Memorial Scholarship —\$1000

The Dunning family began awarding this continuing education scholarship in 2018. Awarded to **Elias Martinez, class of 2014**, attending Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine, completing a Master's Degree to become a Physician Assistant (PA).

2nd Year Scholarships/Class of 2021—\$500 each

Gage Hilbert (Montana State), **Ashley Luna** (EWU), **Thanya Mendoza** (WWCC), **Areli Orozco** (WSU), **Makenzie Zessin** (WSU)

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MORE BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED BY SPRING!

A BIG THANK YOU TO

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CONSTRUCTION

Atkinson Construction is the contractor for the Highway 12 (4 lane widening) project from Nine Mile Hill west of Touchet to Frenchtown vicinity east of Lowden.

They have their project office in Touchet. One of the seniors in the class of 2022 approached them to ask for a donation for last fall's TEF Dinner & Auction Fund-raiser. They responded generously with a \$250 donation to assist with event costs.

This spring, we received communication from Atkinson Construction that they wanted to make an additional donation to the Touchet Educational Foundation to further support scholarship programs. We gratefully accepted their offer! **The very generous \$7,000 donation will go toward scholarships for the Class of 2023!**

Guy F. Atkinson Construction, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clark Construction, is based in Renton, WA and has been building our nation's infrastructure since 1926. They list their core values as Safety, Innovation, Collaboration, Integrity, Quality, & Social & Environmental Responsibility.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

DONATION FORM

The Touchet Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit tax exempt organization. Our primary focus is to provide financial assistance to Touchet graduates in pursuit of higher education goals at accredited four year colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools.

Please direct my donation to the following area:

- Greatest Need
- A gift in memory of a special friend or loved one

Name: _____

- TEF Endowment Fund

- Other Scholarship/Endowment Fund

Name: _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

**Make checks payable to TEF, mail this form to:
Touchet Educational Foundation
PO Box 272, Touchet, WA 99360**

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