



STUDENT GRANT-A-WISH PROGRAM

What is the Student Grant-A-Wish Program?

Each year, the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation (BHEF) offers teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants that support innovative and creative educational programs, as well as supplement technology and equipment in Berkeley Heights Public Schools. The BHEF now offers students the opportunity to have a wish granted! All students in the Berkeley Heights school district from kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to apply for funds to support anything they can think of that would enhance their educational experience (must be for a Berkeley Heights Public School) and have their “wish” granted.

Examples of prior student wishes include:

- Cleanout and refresh of school’s butterfly garden
- Chess tables and accessories for indoor/outdoor use, as well as Introduction to Chess program for students
- Tetherball set for gym class and recess
- Audio speaker for Dance Club and school events/parties
- Podcast equipment for the creation and distribution of teacher/student content
- Creation of outdoor learning space, including benches, plantings, and educational signage

You can see more examples wishes granted on our Web site [here](#).

What is the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation?

The BHEF is a volunteer-run, 501(c)3 tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization that operates independently of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education and the Parent Teacher Organizations. The BHEF raises funds to enhance education excellence in the Berkeley Heights Public Schools by sponsoring programs that support innovative instruction, strengthen school-community ties, enrich students’ appreciation of the arts and humanities, and augment technology resources throughout the district.

What Happens Next?

Complete the attached Student Grant-A-Wish Application and submit it via email to grants@bhedfoundation.org by **Friday, January 24, 2025**.

The BHEF will review all applications and choose one (1) “winner” from each school. We will then reach out to the principal of the school that the winner attends for final approval. All winners will be contacted at their school by **Thursday, February 13, 2025**. All materials, technology, and/or equipment purchased using grant funding will at all times remain the property of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristy LoPresti at grants@bhedfoundation.org.



STUDENT GRANT-A-WISH APPLICATION

A student's wish is only limited by their imagination. Some students may have a wish in mind, while others may need the assistance of a teacher or parent to describe their request. Please talk to them for help completing this request. Some of the most common categories are: New Ideas & Devices, School Community, Educational Programs, and Equipment.

One student's wish will be selected from each Berkeley Heights public school. If selected, that school will receive up to \$500 towards making that student's wish a reality during the current school year.

Applications must be submitted by January 17, 2025. Winners will be announced by February 6, 2025.

Student's First & Last Name: _____

What School & Grade Are You In?: _____

Who Will Benefit From Your Wish?: _____

Dollar Amount Requested (Maximum \$500): _____

Please Describe Your Wish Request: (please attach any supporting documents, where possible)

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

BHEF Media Release

I understand that pictures or videos of my child may be taken for publicity purposes. These pictures may be used in print and online media (e.g., local newspaper and TAPinto), as well as online communications (BHEF emails, website, and social media).

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____
