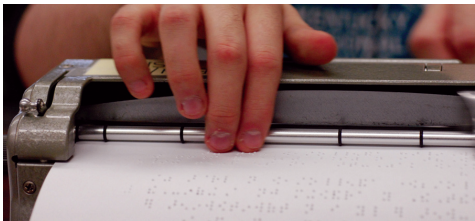


About Us



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Founded in 1984, the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving students in Kentucky who are blind or visually impaired. The foundation primarily provides grant support to the Kentucky School for the Blind and its statewide outreach programs that serve students and families in school districts across Kentucky. The foundation also makes grant funding available to agencies and activities that advance issues related to the blind and visually impaired. The foundation’s goal is to support academic and cultural opportunities, resources and assistive technology that enable blind and visually impaired students to lead independent, productive and successful lives. The foundation fulfills its mission through funding grants, awarding scholarships, providing access to assistive technology, and other supportive endeavors.

Our mission...

To make a difference in the education, independence, and quality of life for blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky.



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Grants

The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation (KSBCF) provides grant funding to blind and visually impaired individuals and groups/organizations who serve students who are blind or visually impaired. Listed below are just a few of the grants the foundation funded in 2017:

- \$250,000 grant awarded to the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB)
- \$55,500 to the Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) outreach program
- \$10,000 to Radio Eye
- Bill Roby Track & Field Games
- Prodigy Connect to a visually impaired student in Jessamine county
- A Therapeutic Listening System to a visually impaired student in Jefferson county



Student competing in the 2016 Bill Roby games at the Kentucky School for the Blind

Braille Writer Loan Program

The Braille Writer Loan Program provides devices to those that are in need of one. In 2017, the charitable foundation lent twelve Braille writers to blind and visually impaired individuals in Kenton, Pulaski, Hardin and other counties across Kentucky. The charitable foundation and volunteers will also clean and repair Braille writers that are loaned through this program. In 2017, the charitable foundation spent over \$1,100 for Braille writer repair parts.

Scholarships

The charitable foundation offers financial support to blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky through its scholarship programs. The Will Evans Scholarship provides financial assistance for blind and visually impaired students who want to pursue post-secondary education.

The William Wood Foundation Scholarship provides financial assistance and laptops with assistive technology to blind and visually impaired post secondary-bound seniors who attended two years of the INSIGHT program. In 2017, the charitable foundation awarded six of these scholarships to students who are pursuing their college degrees at Campbellsville University, Eastern Kentucky University, Kent State University, Murray State University and the University of Louisville.

The Joseph Kuczwara Scholarship Award is given to a Kentucky School for the Blind graduate in recognition of their positive attitude, good citizenry, leadership and services to others. In 2017, this scholarship was awarded to a graduating senior who will be pursuing their college degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

The Dr. Franklin Jelsma “To See Through Love” Scholarships is given to two Kentucky School for the Blind graduates. One is award for outstanding achievements in academics and, the other, for outstanding achievements in community service, work ethic, and respect for others. In 2017, the charitable foundation awarded each recipient with a \$500 award.

2017 Scholarship Funds Awarded			
Will Evans Scholarships (3 awarded)	\$6,000	Joseph Kuczwara Scholarship (1 awarded)	\$1,000
IINSIGHT Scholarships (6 awarded)	\$12,248	Dr. Franklin Jelsma Scholarship (2 awarded)	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$20,248	

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2017	2017	2016
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 100,491	9,140
Investments	7,368,558	5,739,049
Investments, the use of which is limited	7,062,635	6,974,169
Interest receivable	13,526	13,160
Pledges receivable	-	4,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	830	830
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	490	853
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	14,546,530	12,741,201
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Grants payable	153,675	93,865
Accrued expenses	17,542	8,999
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	171,217	102,864
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted		
Available for operations	7,178,845	5,545,457
Board designated	2,119	3,474
Invested in property and equipment, net	490	853
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	7,181,454	5,549,784
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	654,034	739,208
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	6,539,825	6,349,345
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>	14,375,313	12,638,337
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	\$14,546,530	\$12,741,201

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