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SENIORS: SUBMIT YOUR HEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BY MARCH 5

Dear Valued HEF Community Member,

At the Hudsonville Education Foundation, we believe a thriving community is built when we rally around our students by removing barriers, expanding access, and opening doors to the vibrant futures they are working so hard to create. As a former principal, I've seen firsthand how a single opportunity can change the trajectory of a young person's life. That's why this work matters.

The **HEF Scholarship** is now open for applications, offering up to five Hudsonville High School seniors a \$1,000 award to support their post-secondary path—whether that's a two- or four-year college, university, or accredited trade program. Since 2019, HEF has invested in students through scholarships that honor effort, character, and the belief that potential should never be limited by circumstance. Our donors and supporters have made this possible.

When our community invests, students feel seen. When we inspire, they gain confidence. When we innovate, we help close the gap between where they are and where they dream to go. You'll see that Abbie Karel agrees. As one of the 2025

scholarship recipients, she's joining in the effort encouraging 2026 seniors to apply. See her message below and encourage the students in your world to apply.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to **Invest. Inspire. Innovate.** -- together.

Sincerely,

Dave Feenstra

HEF Board Member and Scholarship Committee Member

[MORE INFO AND APPLICATION LINK](#)

[KAREL ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO APPLY \(VIDEO\)](#)

HONOR AN EAGLE GRADUATE: HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 10

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Categories Include:

- Career Accomplishments
- Cultural and Performing Arts Achievements
- Service to HPS/Community

Eagle alumni are impacting the companies, organizations, and communities where they work, live, and play. Through the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, we can honor their career accomplishments, cultural and performing arts achievements, or service to HPS/community.

Honorees represent broad impact in diverse industries and specialties. Those selected will be invited to share brief remarks

and be celebrated at the Eagles
of Excellence Gala on November
2, 2026.

"Our alumni's stories span decades, and they can resonate with our students, offering timeless lessons, relevant to today's youth."

-Deb Watson, HEF Hall of Fame Committee Member

[NOMINATE ALUMNI HERE](#)

YOU (AND YOUR FRIENDS) ARE INVITED: MAY 6 SPRING SOARée



Spring Soarée

MAY 6, 2026
5:30-8:00 PM
@FARMHAUSCIDERCO.

Sip. Savor. Support.

Join us for an event that blends fresh spring energy, community connection, and meaningful impact. The Hudsonville Education Foundation's Spring SOARée is a chance to gather with supporters and friends for a night that highlights the people, partnerships, and possibilities shaping our schools.

Set against the charming backdrop of Farmhaus Cider Co., this relaxed spring-themed event invites you to sip handcrafted beverages, enjoy great

food, and explore exciting silent auction packages—all while supporting the growth of our teacher and classroom grant program.

Come if you're curious.

If you've ever wondered what HEF does or how we support teachers and students, this is the perfect low-pressure way to learn. Meet board members, hear real stories of impact, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the innovation happening in Hudsonville classrooms—all in a casual, welcoming environment.

Come if you're committed.

Your presence helps fuel the next wave of creativity and achievement in our district. Bid on silent auction items, raise a glass with fellow supporters, and be part of the collective effort to expand opportunities for students. Every dollar raised helps bring new ideas to life.

Come for the fun.

Bring your friends, your neighbors, or your favorite group of “let’s-go-out” people. Enjoy the relaxed vibe, the camaraderie, the conversation, and the joy of gathering for a good cause. It’s a community night with big potential for the students who call Hudsonville home.

Get involved in THREE impactful ways:

[PLAN A NIGHT OF FUN: PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

[MAXIMIZE IMPACT: SPONSOR THE EVENT](#)

[MAKE THE SILENT AUCTION AWESOME](#)

LET'S GET CONNECTED

As a Facebook and LinkedIn profile owner, you can stay connected to the latest information AND be an important advocate for the work of the organization. When you follow us and tell friends, like and share posts, and engage with content, you help us

reach more individuals with the good work this HEF community accomplishes for our deserving Eagle students.



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