

The Kari (Kay) Fusselman Endowment Fund

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Sweetwater One Public School Foundation

"Beyond the Basics"



Mission Statement

To enhance and enrich educational opportunities for students in Sweetwater County School District #1.

Vision Statement

The Sweetwater One Public School Foundation is committed to providing all District #1 students with the opportunity to be successful. It is our belief that given private and community support, we can build a foundation for a brighter future.

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Kari's *Access Awards*

made possible through the
Kari (Kay) Fusselman Endowment Fund

Do you know a high energy SW#1 student who demonstrates potential?

Potential demonstrating a special ability, talent, achievement and/or combination of these attributes? One who would benefit from enrichment opportunities allowing them to enhance learning and develop talents? A student who is not able to access opportunities because financial need creates a barrier?

If you answered YES to these questions,
the Sweetwater One Public School Foundation can help through *Kari's Access Awards*.

Kari's Access Award honors former Sweetwater School District #1 student,
Kari (Kay) Fusselman (April 21, 1975-March 20, 2005).

Kari attended Westridge Elementary, White Mountain Junior High and Rock Springs High School. As a student, Kari enjoyed activities adding a social component to life's opportunities, living life to its fullest each and every day.

Larry Fusselman, Kari's father, had the vision to make sure that Kari's giving heart would continue to give after her short but full life by establishing this endowment fund.

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Kari's Access Award is putting a face on enrichment opportunities one child at a time. This program is designed to open new opportunities for individual students exposing them to experiences that bring out the best in the individual.

Always committed to innovation and opportunity, the Sweetwater One Public School Foundation through the Kari (Kay) Fusselman Endowment Fund, established in 2007, is offering generous support for high energy students by providing a vehicle for students to reach their potential through accessing a wealth of opportunities, irrespective of background.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can submit a request for funds through Kari's Access Awards?

Students or parents can apply for Kari's Access Awards or a district employee or community member can make a referral directly to the Foundation.

What kind of opportunities can I ask for through the Kari's Access Awards?

Individuals asking for funds can propose any opportunity that will lead to a student centered experience – everything from the supplies and equipment needed to participate in an opportunity to the fees associated with accessing the opportunity.

Is there a limit on requests?

No. No request is too large or small.

When are applications due?

On or before the first of each month.

How does the Kari Access Award Committee handle requests after they are received?

The Sweetwater One Public School Foundation works directly with Sweetwater County School District #1 to verify student identities, confirm the willingness of the student and the approval of parents for a child to participate in the enrichment opportunity. If there are any uncertainties, staff will contact the applicant and/or person making the referral with follow-up questions. After this process is completed, the Kari Access Award Committee which meets monthly will make a recommendation to support or decline funds.

What happens if the request is funded?

A check from the Foundation is presented to the student. A picture is taken and will be given to media. The student and/or person who applied or made a referral for funds will be given an address for a thank you to be written to the donor(s).

How long will it take for the opportunity to be funded?

Kari's Access Award Committee meets on Wednesday following the first of each month and recipients will be notified of request status after the Foundation Board has made final approval of the fund expenditure.

How many applications or referrals may be submitted?

There are no restrictions on the number of referrals or applications submitted.

Where can I find an application online?

Applications are available online at www.sweetwater1.org.

Who do I go to if I have more questions?

Any SW #1 school counselor, social worker or the Foundation Office.

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Application & Referral Form

Student _____

Grade _____ School _____

Contact Information of Student & Parent or Guardian _____

Request (Opportunity) _____

Date(s) of Opportunity _____ Requested Amount _____

Describe Why This Opportunity Would Enhance Learning. _____

Need for the Request (Opportunity) _____

Signature of Applicant or Referring Person _____ Date _____