The Bismarck Public Schools Foundation’s primary mission is to enhance the mission of BPS by providing services and recognition to staff and students that are not normally available through the funding of the BPS budget. The current services provided include, but are not limited to, grant funding, scholarships, funds management and fundraising assistance.

GRANT FUNDING
There are 3 primary grants that are available through the Bismarck Public School Foundation:
• **Robert & Lois Watts Grants** - Preference shall be given to the areas of Family & Consumer Science, Career & Technical Education. Requests must be consistent with the Bismarck Public School District’s mission and must be within the following areas of interest:
  - Special projects which promote hands-on learning
  - Projects that encourage critical thinking
  - Projects that encourage problem-solving
  - Projects that encourage self-reliance
• **Teacher Innovation Grants** - Innovation Grants are geared towards big ideas that foster innovation within BPS and have a cost of over $1,000. Requests must be consistent with the BPS mission and be within the BPS Foundation’s areas of interest.
• **Timothy C. Nordquist Memorial Fund** - These grant funds can be used for BPS students or teachers to enhance their education through the purchase of a piece of needed equipment, transportation costs for educational enrichment, fees for student summer camps or opportunities for special education staff development.

More information on these grants can be found here: [https://www.bpsfoundation.com/grants/](https://www.bpsfoundation.com/grants/)

Grant Cycle Deadlines: April 15th (for 19/20 school year only, traditionally April 1st) and November 1st

SCHOLARSHIPS
Bismarck Public Schools Foundation offered over $25,000 in scholarships to deserving BPS students last year alone through private and public donor partnerships within our community.

For a quick reference guide of all scholarships available through the foundation for 2020 graduates, please go to [www.bpsfoundation.com/scholarships](http://www.bpsfoundation.com/scholarships).

Deadline for most scholarship applications is May 1st or as determined by the donor. (Deadline shown is for 19/20 school year only, traditionally it is April 1st.)

SCHOOL FUNDS MANAGEMENT
The Bismarck Public School Foundation provides the option for all schools to house their Jeans Day and other fundraising funds within the BPS Foundation. It is held within its own account with a credit card provided to the school for purchases.

This allows for the school to have a paper trail of all spending within this account and reduces the need for the funds to be kept as cash.

FUNDRAISING ASSISTANCE
The Bismarck Public School Foundation is the non-profit arm of the school district and is available for all schools and programs within BPS to utilize for their fundraising.

This can be as simple as providing an online donation platform in which to direct donors or as complex as event planning assistance.

Administrative fees apply for any/all fundraising and range based on the level of the foundation’s involvement.