Thank Your Lucky Stars!
Has an exceptional teacher, aide, or staff member made a difference in your child's life? A WEEFC STAR (**S**taff and **T**eacher **A**chievement **R**ecognition) Award allows families to celebrate the dedication and excellence of one or more Weston Public School employees, while also supporting WEEFC!

To order, complete the STAR Award Purchase Form to designate your recipient(s) and make a tax-deductible donation of your choosing, and then WEEFC will create and send a personalized e-certificate.

🌟 WEEFC STAR Award🌟
Frequently Asked Questions

How can I order one or multiple STAR Awards?

- ★ Click here to complete the STAR Award Purchase Form to designate your recipient(s).
- ★ Follow the instructions on the form to make a tax-deductible donation of your choosing.
- ★ Upon completion of the first STAR form, families will be prompted to fill out another form if they wish to order multiple STAR Awards.
- ★ If you are completing multiple forms, you only need to fill in the donation dollar amount on the first one.
    - Example: on the first form, you can designate "$100," and the second form can say "xx" or "already filled in on the first form."
- ★ If you purchase multiple awards, you do not need to make multiple Venmo or check payments.
- ★ If you are sending a check or a donor-advised fund contribution, please email to notify us that the payment is forthcoming. This ensures we can send the award before payment arrives. Checks/DAF can take up to two weeks to arrive, and we send STAR awards once payment is received or is in transit.

What happens after I place my STAR Awards order?
WEEFC board members will create and send a personalized e-certificate to the staff member(s) of your choosing. The form allows families to customize the message on the award and to indicate who the award is from (family name or student name), as shown in the example below:

Is there a deadline for ordering my STAR Awards?
Submissions received by 9pm on Sunday, June 14, will be sent to recipients before winter break. STAR awards received after June 14 will still be sent, although we cannot guarantee they will be sent before the last day of school on 6/24.

How can I pay for my STAR Awards?
To purchase a STAR Award for one or more Weston school employees, please complete the form and make a donation via Venmo, MySchoolBucks, DAF, or check.

- ★ Venmo (@WEEFC-Weston) or scan the QR code. Please include "WEEFC STARS + Family last name" in the memo.
- ★ MySchoolBucks
- ★ Donor Advised Fund (DAF)*. Because we are a subcommittee of the Weston School Committee, WEEFC's EIN is 04-6001360, and it is listed as "Town of Weston".
- ★ Check* made payable to the "Town of Weston—WEEFC" and mail it to our PO Box
  Weston Public Schools/WEEFC
  P.O. Box 625
  Weston, MA 02493

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What is the average donation per STAR Award?
Historically, the average donation amount per STAR has been **$25**. There is no maximum donation amount, and all contributions are meaningful and impactful.

Does my donation go directly to the teacher with the STAR Award?
No, only the personalized award certificate is emailed to the teacher or staff member. The donation is made to the WEEFC (Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee). Recipients do not see the donation value when they receive the award.

Families can send a separate gift directly to WPS faculty and staff. Please note MA gifting guidelines when doing so. Please note that donations to WEEFC do not count against gifting limits to teachers, and STARs are a meaningful way to acknowledge a special teacher, aide, or WPS staff member who has helped your student shine a little brighter. 🌟

What does WEEFC do with each STAR Award donation?
All funds collected support exciting and innovative K-12 enrichment programming and professional development grants at all levels. Click HERE to see donated dollars at work and 20 years of innovative grants. All funds raised through STAR Awards will be used to fund innovation and enrichment programming at all five Weston Public Schools.

When can families purchase STAR Awards?
Families can purchase STAR Awards throughout the school year. WEEFC holds a special STAR Award drive in December to coincide with holiday gifting and in May/June to coincide with Teacher Appreciation Week and end-of-year gifting.

Still have questions?
Contact us at WEEFC02493@gmail.com, and we'll be happy to answer them.

More WEEFC Questions? Keep scrolling!

Support Weston Public Schools by Supporting WEEFC

What is WEEFC (**W**eston **E**ducation **E**nrichment **F**und **C**ommittee)**?**
WEEFC is the Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee and is a sub-committee of the Weston School Committee. Founded in 1985 by parents like you in response to school budget cuts, WEEFC supports enrichment programs in grades pre-K through 12 through tax-deductible donations from the community. Since its inception, WEEFC has funded nearly $9 million in grants inspired and submitted by teachers and administrators to enhance their curriculums—programming that would otherwise not be covered by the Weston Public School budget.

- ★ Click here for more information on the District website.
- ★ Click here to visit our LinkTree for access to WEEFC links, additional information, and documents.
- ★ Check out our Instagram page for updates and photos of the grants in action.
- ★ Click here for an informational PowerPoint

How does WEEFC impact my student?
Every Weston Public School student in grades pre-K through 12 benefits from WEEFC-supported programming. Over the past two years alone, WEEFC has funded over $250,000 in enrichment programs at the five schools in our district, as well as $250,000 in enhancements for the Country/Woodland playgrounds. All students, all schools.

How can I support WEEFC?
WEEFC's ability to fund enrichment programming depends on the support of the Weston community, and there are many ways to give. The board solicits tax-deductible donations from the community throughout the school year via online appeals and special events. We intentionally offer a variety of donation opportunities to cater to different families and their giving styles and comfort levels.

How does WEEFC raise money?
Contributions are solicited throughout the year via mail, email, and events. WEEFC's goal is to have 100% of parents supporting 100% of Weston school children.

Does WEEFC have any events coming up?
Yes! Save the date for **HalloWEEFC**, our fall 2026 fundraiser and our first annual adult Halloween party! Join us on Friday, October 16, at Regis College for a frightfully festive community celebration in support of all five Weston Public Schools. It will be a graveyard smash, with great food, drinks, live music, games, a costume contest, an online auction, and so much more.

How does the grant process work?
Grants are submitted by faculty, administrators, students, and parents (typically via the Weston PTO STEM and PAAC committees). The grant process involves several steps, including those involving department heads, building

principals, and/or faculty advisors. All grants must first be approved by the Office of Teaching and Learning before they are presented to the WEEFC Board. The WEEFC Board reviews grants each month, and once the board approves a grant, it continues on to the School Committee, where it is voted upon.

How can I make a general donation to WEEFC?
There are four ways to donate to WEEFC, and donations are tax-deductible.

- ★ Venmo (@WEEFC-Weston) or scan the QR code below.

- ★ MySchoolBucks
- ★ Check payable to the "Town of Weston—WEEFC" and mail it to our new PO Box
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- ★ Donor Advised Funds and corporate match programs. For donor-advised funds or a corporate matching program, WEEFC's EIN is 04-6001360. WEEFC is searchable as "Town of Weston."

Is WEEFC a 501(c)(3)?
While all donations to WEEFC are tax-deductible, the organization is not a 501(c)(3) entity. WEEFC was founded in 1985 by vote at Town Meeting as a permanent subcommittee of the Weston School Committee and is designated as a public trust fund. This designation may impact the donor's ability to find WEEFC on donor-advised fund websites and donor match programs.

What types of programming does WEEFC fund?
With your support, WEEFC funds a balanced mix of innovative grants and mainstays of our curriculum, professional development for our district educators, and social and emotional learning opportunities. Please see the list of grants we funded during the 2024-2025 academic year.

How is WEEFC different from PTO?
Weston is fortunate to benefit from two wonderful parent-volunteer-led organizations that support the public school system: WEEFC and PTO. The key term to keep in mind regarding these organizations is "AND." **Families can support our schools and students by contributing to WEEFC AND becoming members of the Weston PTO**. These two groups collaborate to enhance different but complementary aspects of our school community. This partnership has proven effective for the school system, as both organizations work toward the shared goal of supporting Weston Public Schools.

WEEFC (Weston Education Enrichment Funding Committee) is the fundraising arm of the Weston Public Schools and a subcommittee of the Weston School Committee. Its mission is to engage the community in donating funds for grants requested by teachers, administrators, and students, which enhance and enrich the classroom experience. WEEFC supports all five Weston Public Schools by funding initiatives that improve teaching and learning for students and support innovation in our schools. Additionally, WEEFC assists the PTO by funding grants sourced from the PTO subcommittee, the Performing Authors and Artists Committee (PAAC), and many STEM subcommittee grants.

Weston Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) consists of an elected board of volunteer parents that provides an important network of support for the district, strengthening the bond between school and home. The PTO supports our school community by coordinating parent volunteers at each school, co-publishing Westword, a weekly informational newsletter with Case House, and coordinating after-school family events like Trunk or Treat and the

Global Diversity Fair. Weston PTO works to support WPS teachers through appreciation events, foster the school-home connection for families, and foster community within our district. Membership is $100 per family per year, and perks include access to an online family directory and discounts at local merchants.

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