

Alliance High School Endowment Fund (AHSEF)

Donor FAQ (Consolidated)

As of February 2026 (content current through 2025 year-end reporting and AHSEF donate page)

About AHSEF

What is AHSEF?

The Alliance High School Endowment Fund (AHSEF) is a U.S. 501(c)(3) charitable organization established to promote academic and overall student excellence at Alliance High School (Kenya). Donations from U.S. taxpayers are tax-deductible (subject to applicable law).

Where are AHSEF funds held and how are they invested?

AHSEF's endowment assets are custodied at Vanguard. During 2025, the primary holdings were the Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund (VMFXX) and the Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund (VSCGX), allocated across AHSEF sub-accounts.

What is the current size of the AHSEF endowment?

At year-end 2025 (12/31/2025), total AHSEF endowment balances were \$182,661.94 across four sub-funds (Academic, Sports, Need-Based, and Multi-Purpose Hall).

Endowment balances at year-end 2025:

Fund	Year-End Balance (12/31/2025)
Academic Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$99,264.87
Sports Endowment Fund	\$43,463.49
Need-Based Endowment Fund	\$36,574.37
Multi-Purpose Hall Fund	\$3,359.21
Total AHSEF Endowment Funds	\$182,661.94

Giving to AHSEF

What are the ways to give?

You can support AHSEF through: (1) online giving via PayPal, (2) payroll deductions through participating employers, (3) bank (ACH) or wire transfers to AHSEF's JPMorgan Chase account, and (4) checks mailed to AHSEF (JPMorgan Chase). AHSEF also maintains an operating bank account to support administration and facilitate certain types of contributions.

Sub-fund	Vanguard account number
Academic	41691384
Sports Scholarship	86516813
Need Scholarship	61355063
Multi-Purpose Hall	51596650

Can I donate by ACH or wire transfer?

Yes. You can contribute directly to AHSEF's JPMorgan Chase Bank account using the details below. Note: routing number 071000013 is for ACH/direct deposit only; for wire transfers use 021000021. Your financial institution may charge a fee for outgoing wires or ACH transfers.

Account number: 736322069

Routing number (ACH/direct deposit only): 071000013

Routing number (wire transfers): 021000021

Bank	JPMorgan Chase Bank
Account name	Alliance High School Endowment Fund
Account number	736322069
Routing number (ACH / direct deposit)	071000013
Routing number (wire transfers)	021000021
Checks payable & mail to	Alliance High School Endowment Fund #736322069 JP Morgan Chase Bank 1840 N Milwaukee Ave, 01 Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

How do I donate by check?

Yes. Checks can be sent directly to AHSEF. Please include a note indicating which AHSEF purpose/fund (e.g., Academic, Sports, Need-Based, Multi-Purpose Hall) you want credited, and email treasurer@ahsef.org if you would like confirmation of receipt. (Mailing details are listed in the table above.)

Can I donate online?

Yes. Gifts can be made through PayPal via the AHSEF website donation page. PayPal gifts are transferred to Vanguard on a quarterly basis and are subject to PayPal transaction fees (currently listed as 2.2% + \$0.30).

Can I set up payroll deductions?

Many U.S. employers support employee giving through payroll deductions. If AHSEF is not yet available at your workplace, contact treasurer@ahsef.org and AHSEF will work with you to set it up.

Scholarships, Disbursements, and Governance

How does AHSEF decide scholarship recipients?

AHSEF's current mode of distribution is designed to reward academic excellence (merit-based awards). Over time, as the endowment base grows and investment income increases, AHSEF may expand the types of awards it supports (e.g., need-based, sports, arts, leadership).

Why does AHSEF prioritize merit over need-based scholarships?

AHSEF selected a merit-based approach initially because it aligned with the original benefactor's intent and because a need-based model typically requires a much larger capital base to address the scale of need. Need-based distribution has not been ruled out; it has been deferred until the endowment can sustainably support it at a meaningful level.

If there is excess income, is there a transparent way to do need-based awards?

A proposed deterministic method is to have prior merit-based recipients rank students who express and have verified need; excess income would then be distributed in order of that ranked list until funds are exhausted (with an overall cap per student).

How much discretion does the board have over spending?

AHSEF is structured like a typical 501(c)(3) with a board responsible for stewardship. The model for disbursement and key policies are intended to be transparent and available to donors.

Can donors direct how their gift is used?

AHSEF's FAQ references a "directed giving policy," under which a donor who contributes a substantial amount (threshold cited as \$15,000) may determine how their contribution's returns are distributed, consistent with AHSEF policies and applicable nonprofit rules.

Why are there multiple initiatives supporting Alliance High School?

AHSEF acknowledges donor fatigue and the existence of other efforts. AHSEF's view is that an endowment structure is designed to be durable and institutional, potentially complementing other initiatives (such as capital campaigns), with a long-run goal of alignment where feasible.

Transparency and Reporting

How does AHSEF report financial performance and activity?

AHSEF produces financial summaries showing market values and key cash activity, including program disbursements and operational improvements (e.g., establishing an operating bank account). Market values can fluctuate with investment performance.

What major cash activity occurred in 2025?

In 2025, AHSEF established an operating bank account funded by a \$2,000 transfer from the Academic Scholarship Endowment Fund; made a \$3,000 disbursement from the Multi-Purpose Hall Fund for AHSEF-aligned purposes while maintaining the minimum balance needed to keep the fund open; and facilitated a one-time \$10,000 restricted pass-through gift to a Kenya-based Endowment Fund Trust (separate from typical disbursement practices).

Contact

Questions about giving, designations, or payroll setup:

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