



Polar Bear Legacy



Polar Bear: one who is a graduate of Hardin Northern, Dola, or Dunkirk high school, or someone who strongly supports the Hardin Northern School System. Greetings! For some of you, this is the first you have heard from your Alma Mater since you graduated, and for others, this is just another way to connect. We trust that Hardin Northern remains an important part of your life and you fondly remember your days of walking our school's hallways, whether it was the Dola Panther building, the Dunkirk Pirate building, or the current (and newly renovated) Hardin Northern Polar Bear building.



This past year, I was reminded of how many awesome alumni and supporters HN has. Many have gone on to do outstanding things in their personal lives and careers and have reached a point when they are looking for ways to “give back.” As I considered this, it occurred to me that there are many supporters and alumni of HN, Dola, and Dunkirk that might wish to give back.



In an effort to make this as easy as possible, we have created an endowment fund called the Hardin Northern Scholarship Foundation. This foundation is being run through the umbrella of the Hardin County Community Foundation which provides us with tax exemption and a place to invest the funds. Funds given to the HN Scholarship Foundation will generate interest that will be given to HN graduates as scholarships for additional education. The original donation will not be spent but will continue to generate scholarship money for years to come.



Many of you are familiar with the Hardin Northern Community Scholarship that collects money every year which is distributed to HN students going on to college. All the money collected each year is divided equally among HN graduates continuing their education and results in scholarships that are usually small and help pay for things like books and fees. The HN Community Scholarship will continue as it always has. For those of you who donate to the HN Community Scholarship, thank you and please do not feel that you need to support the foundation as well, but for those of you who have not supported the HN Community Scholarship in the past, here is a way to see your money benefit HN students for years to come, to create a true legacy. Only the interest from this foundation will be spent, and the principal will remain to benefit graduating class after graduating class.

If you're interested, inside this brochure are ways that you can get involved in supporting this fund.



The Polar Bear Legacy

Make a difference in lives for generations to come.



In order to establish the HN Scholarship Foundation, we needed to have an initial investment of \$5,000. We have met this and are up and running!

All donors will be recognized on a plaque that will hang in the main entrance hallway by the Hall of Distinction.

Named Scholarship gift
\$10,000 or more

Platinum Gift
\$5,000 to \$9,999

Gold Gift
\$1,000 to \$4,999

Silver Gift
\$500 to \$999

Bronze Gift
\$100 to \$499



Naming a Scholarship:

It is anticipated that investments will return around 10% interest per year, so \$10,000 in donations will result in a \$1000 scholarship. With this in mind, anyone donating \$10,000 or more may name a scholarship. For instance, it could be named for a family member, a former teacher, or for themselves and might be something like the John Doe Memorial Scholarship. Anyone giving in this category will be given the opportunity to help select the scholarship recipient. Scholarship amount will be determined by total interest earned each year.

Non-Named Scholarship

Individual donations of less than \$5,000 will be added to a non specific scholarship fund called Hardin Northern Foundation Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will designate the amount and number of scholarships and will choose the recipients.

Estate Planning

Some may choose to remember HN after their passing. If you wish to do this, remember to include instructions for naming the scholarship if the total amount is over \$10,000. Also, please inform us of your plans so we are aware.

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Enclosed is my check, payable to the Hardin County Community Foundation with "HN Scholarship Foundation" in the note, for \$ _____

Please include my name on the donor's plaque Yes No

If Yes I would like the recognition to read _____

(you may honor your family, a loved one, a former teacher, yourself, or someone else)

If my donation is \$10,000 or greater, I would like the scholarship named _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail this and your check to: HN Scholarship Foundation, Attn: Mr. Andy Wilson, 11589 ST RT 81, Dola, Ohio 45835



Things to Know

Know an outstanding HN, Dola, or Dunkirk Alumni? Nominate them for the Hall of Distinction at <http://hn.k12.oh.us/guidance/>. The nomination link is at the top of the page. Congratulations to the 2013 winners: Gale Howard, Tom McNutt, and Dean Pees.

Did you know that a Hardin Northern student can graduate with 29 semester hours of college credit without leaving our building and at no cost to the student or family? We have 7 teachers that serve as adjunct professors for area colleges. They offer 9 courses for college credit at HN. We may be small, but the quality of our education has done nothing but improve!

Want more information about Hardin Northern? Check out www.hardinnorthern.org

Want more information about the foundation? Call Andy Wilson at 419-759-2331 ext. 1202 or email him at andy.wilson@hardinnorthern.org

Please pass this information on to anyone you think would be interested! You can find a link to the brochure at <http://hn.k12.oh.us/guidance/>

If we don't have your address correct, please send an email to Andy Wilson at andy.wilson@hardinnorthern.org

If you are interested in being on the HN Scholarship Foundation board and selection committee, send an email to Andy Wilson. We will need help selecting HN students for scholarships and would appreciate your help.