



# Elks National Foundation

# 2008-2009 GRANTS & APPROPRIATIONS

*On February 14, at a meeting in Austin, Texas, the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2008-09 fiscal year totaling \$17,061,384.*

## Program Services

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Most Valuable Student Scholarships

Designated \$2.296 million for 500 four year scholarships for the 2009-10 through 2012-13 academic years. Applications will be available after September 1, 2008, from local Lodges, [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars), or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation. The filing deadline is January 9, 2009. Awards will be announced mid-April 2009.

#### Emergency Educational Grants

Reserved \$350,000 for one-year educational grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education. Grants are renewable up to three times. Applicants must be unmarried and under the age of 23. Applications are available by contacting the Foundation at [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org).

#### ENF Legacy Awards

Designated \$1 million to fund 250 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for the children and grandchildren of Elks who have been members in good standing for at least two years. Applications will be available after September 1, 2008, from local Lodges, at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars), or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation. Applications must be sent to the Foundation and postmarked by January 9, 2009. Awards will be announced late April 2009.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### Elks Drug Awareness Program

Appropriated \$688,750 to completely fund the Elks Drug Awareness Program, which promotes constructive and cooperative solutions to youth substance abuse through education.

#### Elks National Hoop Shoot® Free Throw Program

Granted \$737,514 to fund the Elks' national free throw program, encouraging youth to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

### VETERANS REMEMBRANCE

#### Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Appropriated \$848,000 to help fund the Order's Veterans Service Program that provides aid and comfort for America's veterans.

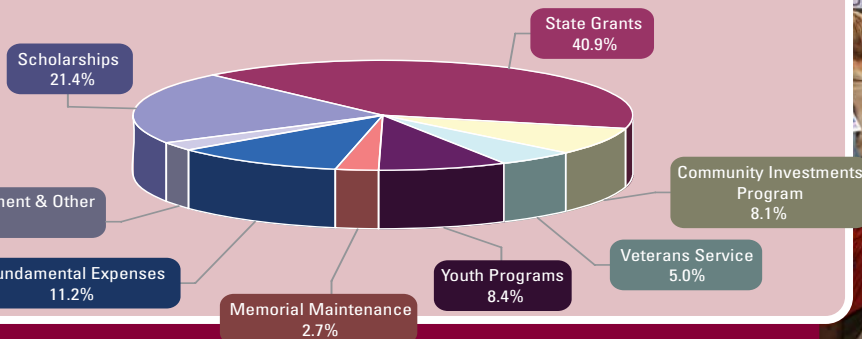
#### Elks Veterans Memorial Maintenance

Granted \$458,812 to maintain the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago.

### LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

#### State Charities Grants

Granted \$3,435,100 to the state Elks associations. These grants help fund each state's major charitable projects, which include aid for people with disabilities, cancer research, children's hospitals, youth camps, and providing safe havens for abused families. Portions of these grants also help fund state Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot



programs. Visit [www.elks.org/enf/YourState.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/YourState.cfm) to find out how the ENF helps your state.

### Special Project Grants

Allotted \$2,548,600 for the state Elks associations to help fund scholarship programs or other projects that best extend a state's philanthropic outreach.

### Community Investments Program

Appropriated \$1,375,000 for the Community Investments Program to invest directly in Lodge communities. This includes \$500,000 for the Impact Grants. These larger, competitive grants are designed to have a significant and lasting impact on areas where Elks live and work. To learn more, visit [www.elks.org/enf/community/default.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/community/default.cfm)

### Bonus Grant

Allocated \$1,000,000 for a bonus grants to the State Elks associations to further charitable projects.

## Legacy Awards Do More for Elks Families

In recent years, fewer American college students have chosen to major in fields like science and engineering. If this trend continues, top US universities will award more degrees in these fields to foreign students than American students. What if potential scientists and engineers are pursuing other jobs because they don't have the opportunity or resources to go to college?

Over the past 11 years, the cost of a college education has risen faster than inflation. At the same time, the earning gap between high school graduates and college graduates continues to grow. The struggle to afford college for their children is increasingly becoming a harsh reality for many American families.

Based on the principle that charity should begin at home, the ENF Legacy Awards were established in 1998 to help Elks families overcome this struggle. In 2002, the program expanded to allow grandchildren to compete. Recipients exemplify the ideals of the Foundation and the Order: knowledge, charity, community and integrity.

Last year, the ENF Board of Trustees wanted to do even more to help Elks families. They voted to double the funding for the Legacy Awards, changing the scholarships

## MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Reserved \$10,000 for miscellaneous grants.

## OTHER

### Programs Management

Allotted \$406,860 to administer the Foundation's program and evaluation efforts.

## Administrative Appropriations

### Fundamental Expenditures

Appropriated \$1,906,748 to fund the day-to-day operations of the Foundation's Chicago office. The ENF is spending only 11.2 percent on our fundamental expenses. That's well below the Better Business Bureau's standard for charities of no more than 35 percent.

from one-year, \$1,000 awards to four-year, \$4,000 awards.

"With the rising cost of college tuition, four-year scholarships will do so much to ease the financial burden on these families," explains Programs Manager Debbie Kahler. "We're excited to be able to help these kids achieve their dreams."

When they graduate from college, Legacy Award recipients will become the future leaders of our country. The Elks National Foundation is proud of the part we're playing to get them there.

*The Elks National Foundation allocated \$1 million in 2008-09 to fund the Legacy Awards. If you know an Elk child or grandchild who may be eligible to apply, encourage them to visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm).*



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