



# Argyle Education Foundation Board of Directors

## Information for Prospective Board Members

### Our story began in 2002...

Adele Foster, Rudy Menn, and other community members saw a need to supply teachers with additional funds for classroom items and projects. After many hours of hard work and commitment, an Argyle ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors was formed and by-law were adopted. In 2003, we officially became an independent 501(c) (3) whose sole purpose was to tend to the needs of the students and staff of Argyle ISD. Though our focus has changed a little over the years, our mission has not. We are here to enhance the learning environment for AISD students and to support our amazing AISD staff! Since its inception, AEF has donated over 2 million dollars to AISD!

### What is the Argyle ISD Education Foundation?

The Argyle ISD Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created to solicit, manage, and distribute funds that will be used to enhance the educational experience of the students in Argyle ISD.

### Mission Statement

The Argyle ISD Education Foundation shall generate and award resources to enhance the learning environment for AISD students.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Argyle ISD Education Foundation, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, is to solicit, manage and distribute funds to Argyle ISD in order to serve the public school students of Argyle. Funding is supplemental and does not replace or alter the use of tax-based revenue.

### Vision

The Argyle ISD Education Foundation supports the AISD in providing an enhanced learning environment through a community united and committed to the public education of AISD students.

### Foundation Goals

- Provide funds to help support STEM teacher salaries beyond state requirements and for educational programs for which tax dollars may not be available. To work closely with AISD administration to meet the needs of the district as it grows.
- Provide an avenue for the involvement of individuals, community, businesses and other foundations in the educational needs of Argyle ISD.
- To create and manage an endowment while upholding fiscal responsibility.

## Frequently Asked Questions for Prospective Board Members

### What kind of time commitment does AEF require?

The minimum time commitment for Board membership is regular attendance at our monthly meetings plus time needed for Committee work, AEF functions and fundraising events. Each board member is asked to serve as a VP at least once during their time on the board. Attendance is required at the Fall Chili Cook-off and the Spring Gala.

### When are AEF meetings? Will I be expected to attend all of them?

The AEF Board of Directors meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8:30am for about an hour. Meetings vary between in-person and Zoom. When in-person, meetings will be held at the AISD Administrative Building. Your attendance is important to the Board for planning and input and is required.

### How long will I serve on the Board?

Directors serve 3 year terms. If you would like to continue serving, your term can be renewed at the Board's discretion according to Board Policy. Should you decide to run for Board President, you would serve an additional 1-2 years.

### Will I be expected to raise money?

Fundraising is one of the Board's most crucial duties and all Board Members, not just those on the Development Committee, have fundraising responsibilities. There are many ways to fulfill these responsibilities. Types of fundraising efforts include, but are not limited to, developing contacts with individuals, corporations and/or businesses which then may be asked by the AEF staff or Board Members to give sponsorships or donations, helping to develop and organize fundraising events or programs, and serving on event committees.



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## Application for Prospective Board Members

### Instructions:

**This application will be reviewed by the Argyle Education Foundation (AEF) Board's Nominating Committee. The questions are intended to explore your talents, skills, interests, and motivations for applying, knowledge of the AEF, time availability and style in working within a group. Attach additional sheets as needed.**

1. Name:

2. Home Address:

3. Telephone Number:

4. E-mail address:

5. Your occupation:

6. Your employer:

7. Your spouse's name:

8. Your spouse's occupation and employer, if applicable:

9. Your current affiliation with the Argyle Independent School District (AISD) or the AEF, if any. If your child(ren) is (are)/have been enrolled in any AISD campus, please provide a list and the length of time enrolled:

10. Please describe your volunteer work including any experience on boards, committees, etc.

11. We ask for a three-year commitment from Board Members. Do you foresee any difficulties with such a commitment?

Yes ( ) No ( )

If "Yes", please explain.



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12. The goal of the Board is to bring in new Board Members with talents and expertise that will complement and expand the skills of the current Board, and to enhance the membership on some Board Committees. Skills that have been helpful in the past include strategic planning, accounting and finance, fundraising, development, event organization, childhood education, corporate law, volunteer coordination, etc. What talents/skills/knowledge do you have that correspond to the ones the Board seeks in new Board Members?

13. Each Board Member serves on at least one Board Committee. Each committee meets as needed at a time chosen for mutual convenience. Since the Board itself meets once per month (the 2nd Wednesday of each month), the minimum time commitment for Board membership is to regularly attend one meeting per month, plus time needed for Committee work, AEF functions and fundraising events. Is this time commitment feasible for you?

Yes ( ) No ( )

If "No", please explain:

14. Fundraising is one of the Board's most crucial duties, and all Board Members, not just those on the Fundraising Committee, have fundraising responsibilities. There are many ways to fulfill these responsibilities. Types of fundraising efforts include but are not limited to developing contacts with individuals, corporations or businesses which then may be asked by the AEF or Board Members to give sponsorships or donations and helping to develop and organize fundraising development events or programs.

Do you have conflicts that would prevent you from participating in this work?

Yes ( ) No ( )

If "Yes", please explain:

15. Some of the ways to describe the style of people who serve on boards or committees are a thinker, a leader, an observer, a decision-maker, a negotiator, a mediator, an organizer, or a facilitator. Please write a short paragraph or two including 1-2 sentences about your particular style and your motivation(s) for serving on the AEF Board.

*Please fill out this questionnaire and return to the AEF by sending it to [information@SupportArgyleISD.org](mailto:information@SupportArgyleISD.org). Please email us at the same address with any questions.*

***Thank you for your application.***