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ROCKFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2026/27 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Partner with REF to help enrich education so every Rockford student can reach their full potential. Your support funds programs that care for the whole child—academically, socially, and creatively—and helps educators bring powerful ideas to life.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Create Your Own Package

Choose the events and programs you'd like to support and build a custom sponsorship package.

School Year Champion (\$10,000+)

When your total sponsorship reaches \$10,000 or more, you'll be recognized as a lead sponsor at all major REF events all year long.

YOUR IMPACT

With your help, REF funds:

- STEAM learning
- Student safety and well-being
- Fine arts and music
- Outdoor education
- Literacy and libraries
- College and career readiness
- Support for students with financial need

2026/27 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS



HALL OF FAME | OCTOBER 23, 2026

Partner with the Rockford Public Schools and Rockford Education Foundation to celebrate the amazing achievements of Rockford alumni and community members. We will honor the Class of 2026 Hall of Fame Inductees with a reception at Blythefield Country Club.

	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Lead Sponsor	X			
Reserved Seating*	2 Tables / 16 Guests	1 Table / 8 Guests	4 Guests	2 Guests
Tiered logo/name placement on invitation, at the event, REF website and social media	Premier LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	NAME

*1 drink ticket per guest



TRIVIA NIGHT | JANUARY 21, 2027

Get ready for a fun night of trivia, teamwork, and community spirit! Grab your friends, form a team, and join us for an evening of friendly competition—all to support a great cause. Test your knowledge and give back to Rockford schools. Let's come together, have fun, and make an impact!

	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Presenting Sponsor	X		
Number of Teams Included	3	2	1
Tiered logo/name placement on invitation, at the event, REF website and social media	Premier LOGO	LOGO	NAME



STEAM NIGHT | NOVEMBER 2026

Be part of Rockford's biggest STEAM celebration! This free, hands-on event draws over 1,000 people exploring science, tech, engineering, art, and math through fun challenges and experiments. Sponsoring STEAM Night means fueling creativity, learning, and community connection. Help us inspire the next generation of innovators!

	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
Presenting Sponsor	X		
Tiered logo/name placement on invitation, at the event, REF website and social media	Premier LOGO	LOGO	NAME



THE TASTE | MARCH 4, 2027

Help serve up support for education in Rockford at our signature event, The Taste! This successful and popular event held at The Gilmore allows people to gather to enjoy food, drinks, and friendship in support of our schools.

	\$7,500 Top Shelf	\$5,000 Cream of the Crop	\$3,000 Meat & Potatoes	\$1,500 Bread & Butter	\$750 Icing on the Cake	\$300 Cherry on Top
Title Sponsor	X					
Event Tickets*	30	20	10	8	4	2
Tiered logo/name placement on invitation, at the event, REF website and social media	Premier LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	LOGO	NAME

*2 drink tickets per guest

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DONOR WALL | MAY 15, 2027 (Deadline for 2026/27 School Year)

Leave your mark or honor/memorialize someone special! Don't let another school year go by without securing a plaque for the donor wall in the Creative Teaching and Learning Center at Rockford High School.

	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500
Donor name or logo on large black plaque	X		
Donor name on an orange rectangle plaque		X	
Donor name on a gray rectangle plaque			X

