**General McLane Foundation – Donor Information Form**

**For Grant Awards and Endowments**

**(please read the attached instructions and definitions)**

**Proposed Name of Grant Fund**:

**Initial Donation: $**

**Name of Honoree** (i.e. Awarded “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” *Please provide a brief biography on a separate sheet of paper.)*:

**Grant Fund Award Criteria:** *(Examples: “To buy library books”, “To buy kindergarten supplies”, “To buy band instruments”, “To offset the district’s cost of iPads”, “To buy science lab equipment”) Attach a separate page for longer or more specific descriptions.*

**How Much & How Often?**

Distribute my gift using the criteria above & the method marked with an “X”:

* Maintain my donation(s) as a *permanent endowment*:

Distribute $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from net income each year OR \_\_\_\_\_ % of net income each year

* Distribute my award/grant as a one-time lump sum payment
* Distribute \_\_\_\_ % **OR** $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of my award/grant (including net income) each year until *liquidated*
* Other distribution method (Please describe)

**Who will choose the Recipient(s)?** *(Examples: Building Principal, Band Director, Guidance Counselors, Committee of science faculty etc.)*:

**Your Contact Information**:

Name: Telephone:

Address:

City/State/Zip: E-mail Address:

Please mail your initial donation with this form to “General McLane Foundation at General McLane Education Center

**General McLane Foundation**

**Instructions for Donor Information Form**

**For Awards, Grants and Endowments**

**Note**:

You should only use this form if you wish to establish a new Award, Grant or Endowment within the Foundation (see the reverse side for definitions). Do not use this form to donate to existing funds.

Thank you for considering a donation to the General McLane Foundation. The Trustees and Officers are proud of the Foundation’s accomplishments and invite you to join the hundreds of community members who have contributed generously over the years to provide financial support to General McLane School District students.

The Foundation accepts contributions in several different forms and for a variety of purposes. A donor may choose to provide cash, write a check, use a debit/credit card or opt for payroll deduction at his/her employer. Some donors work with a financial advisor or attorney to name the Foundation as a beneficiary in a will or for a life insurance policy, trust or a pension/retirement account.

Many donors wisely leverage their gifts by taking advantage of matching programs. For example, the Erie Community Foundation (“ECF”) sponsors Erie Gives day in August each year to encourage charitable giving. Individuals may contribute to a local foundation or other charity of their choice and ECF matches the contribution to a maximum dollar amount. Certain employers offer similar matching programs for employees.

If you decide to contribute an Award, Grant or Endowment to the Foundation, complete this form to provide information for the Board of Trustees to ratify and establish your fund. Please contact Elizabeth Lewis @ [elizabethlewis@generalmclane.org](mailto:elizabethlewis@generalmclane.org) if you have questions or need assistance completing the form.

The General McLane Foundation is organized as a public charity exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code section 501( c )( 3 ). You might be able to deduct your contribution to the Foundation on your federal income tax return.

**General McLane Foundation**

**DEFINITIONS & CONTRIBUTION, INVESTMENT INCOME AND EXPENSE GUIDELINES**

(Revised September 25, 2025)

**AWARD OR GRANT**

A gift which a donor chooses to expend funds in a designated amount for a specified purpose (e.g. scholarship or specific grant).

**ENDOWMENT**

A one-time or cumulative gift of at least $5,000 to establish a perpetual award. A gift of $5,000 might provide for an annual award of $50 to $300 depending on investment returns. The Board of Trustees allows a donor five years to reach the $5,000 endowment level. The Trustees will determine whether to provide allotment assistance to the fund or convert it to an Award if is not fully endowed after five years.

**FUND**

An award, grant or endowment which the Board of Trustees has ratified and is therefore eligible to receive contributions and/or investment income or expense allocations.

**DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION**

A gift which a donor designates for an existing fund.

**UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION**

A gift which a donor *does not* designate for an existing fund.

**ALLOTMENT ASSISTANCE**

The Board of Trustees may choose to help new funds obtain Endowment status by earmarking proceeds from undesignated contributions or from fundraising efforts.

**ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY**

All undesignated contributions and net proceeds from fundraising efforts will be equally divided among all endowed funds unless otherwise earmarked for allotment assistance as determined by the Board of Trustees.

**INVESTMENT INCOME & EXPENSE ALLOCATION GUIDELINES**

Investment income and earnings will be allocated on a percentage (prorated) basis among all funds whether endowed or not. Expenses associated with a particular fundraising event will be deducted from gross receipts before allocating net proceeds. General expenses such as audit or bank fees will be allocated on a percentage (prorated) basis to all endowed funds unless otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees.