

# The Auer Foundation

## Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation Legacy and Purpose

The Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation is a private charitable foundation that awards grants exclusively for charitable purposes. Ione Breeden Auer created the Foundation in 1984. Funding for the foundation comes from lifetime gifts from Edward D. and Ione Auer, as well as the proceeds of their estates. The Foundation shall continue until January 7, 2022, but may be terminated early in the event that the Trust Fund is fully distributed prior to that time.

The Foundation provides that all or any part of the net income and principal of the assets of the Foundation may be distributed for the following purposes:

- o To accomplish or aid general charitable purposes and/or the construction and completion of any project or projects designed to benefit the general community of the area commonly known as metropolitan Fort Wayne (this area shall specifically include parts of Allen County not within the actual city limits of Fort Wayne, but generally determined by the Trustees to be within its metropolitan area).
- o Mrs. Auer also recommended the Foundation give particular consideration to charitable organizations in which she showed an interest during her lifetime, including: Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, and the Allen County Public Library. The Foundation encourages collaboration between these and other nonprofit organizations. In general, Mrs. Auer’s interests included parks, music, arts, education, and other charitable purposes.
- o In addition, Mrs. Auer recommended to the Trustees that contributions from the Auer Foundation be made in the form of endowment funds to be used for projects and scholarships.

The Foundation most often makes grants to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from paying federal taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that are *not* private foundations.

All grant funding approved by the Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation is contingent upon the grantee entering into a written agreement specifying general and special conditions of the grant, including results reporting. The Foundation requires every grantee to measure and report results and ensure the level of reporting is appropriate for the size and scope of the grant.

Applications should be submitted to:  
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