The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works with hundreds of donors who wish to invest in the future of our community.

Since 1928, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has helped donors turn their charitable investments into projects that add energy and vitality to our community. Serving Winnebago County, Waushara County, Green Lake County and Ripon, the Foundation strives to advance the community’s quality of life and capacity for excellence.

We bring together the financial resources of individuals, families and businesses to support nonprofits in our communities.

**OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE:**

**TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES.**

We bring together leadership and funding to engage the community by coordinating local change efforts, engaging citizens, and bringing diverse voices and views together to address current and emerging needs.

We strengthen our communities through collaboration and partnership with donors and others to ensure lasting impact and to improve quality of life for perpetuity.

We steward the funds of our donors and connect them to important projects in our community in order to see their philanthropic dreams come to life.
**OUR ROLES**

**Your Community Foundation Can Help**

Our mission of community betterment is broad – we seek to understand and fund many areas of community wellbeing; we operate independently of any government or for-profit entity.

The Foundation focuses our efforts on the long term. We are committed to nurturing innovation across all sectors and to encouraging the development of initiatives that will bring about real and lasting change.

**Ten reasons to give through the Foundation**

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community
2. We have broad expertise on community issues and needs
3. We provide highly personalized service tailored to your charitable and financial interests
4. Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most
5. We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving
6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving
7. We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under state and federal law
8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants
9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies
10. We are collaborative, community leaders, coordinating resources to create positive change

**CERTIFIED FOR EXCELLENCE**

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® - the highest standards for philanthropic excellence. Our accreditation provides assurance that we have sound policies and practices in place. In short, it means we meet the highest standards for local giving.

To receive accreditation with National Standards, the Foundation submitted our policies and procedures to a rigorous review of 41 National Standards in six key areas of community foundation operations, including donor services, investment management, grantmaking and administration.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® was established in 2000 in cooperation with the Council on Foundation. The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has met these high standards since it was first accredited in 2005.

**FEES**

Annual administrative fees range from 0.15 percent to 2.0 percent of the market value of the fund. Fees are assessed monthly and based on current market value. Investment fees are about an additional 0.20 percent to 0.65 percent of the market value of the fund.

| Acorn Funds: | 0.5% |
| Community Impact Funds: | 2.0% |
| Designated Funds: | 0.75% |
| Donor Advised Funds: | 0.6% up to $500,000  
0.4% from $500,000 to $1.5 million  
0.3% from $1.5 million to $5 million  
0.15% over $5 million |
| Field of Interest Funds: | 2.0% |
| Scholarship Funds: | 1.5% |
| Fiscal Scholarship Funds: | $10/month or 1% of funds raised monthly, whichever is greater |
| Giving Circles: | 1.0% |