

Charitable Purposes of the Skye McCole Bartusiak Foundation

The charitable purposes of the Skye McCole Bartusiak Foundation are to support emerging performing artists —professionally and personally -- with initial emphasis on residents of Texas.

Professional support (Skye's The Limit Award): The Foundation will provide grants to individual artists or teams to support the development and production of film or theater projects. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis on the artistic merit of the project and the needs of the applicant. The typical process for identifying qualified grantees will be for the Foundation to solicit nominations from the following three groups of knowledgeable persons: (1) faculties of universities, (2) faculties of high schools, and (3) programming committees of film, theatre, music, or other performing arts festivals or competitions. Nominators must be sufficiently qualified as determined by peer review.

Personal support (Skye's The Limit Network): The Foundation will establish and sustain a network of peer support and professional counseling to the following two communities:

1. young people whose exceptional gifts have led to a life experience possibly deficient in the peer support structures afforded to more-typical young people. The areas of accomplishment include but are not limited to the performing arts or sports that are characterized by excess financial returns compared to typical young person's employment opportunities.
2. parents of young people referenced in the preceding paragraph

The Foundation will donate to social networking and professional services that contribute to keeping individuals of exceptional talent and achievement grounded with a support system that mitigates the risks of mental health and substance abuse disorders. The Foundation will also contribute to in-person networking and instruction events targeted at young performers and at their parents.

The concept of network is to be a living thing that evolves with the means that the target population uses to communicate. For example, in 2014 the network would be based on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and similar social media means. It is essential that the Foundation evolve with the times with respect to the communication means to interact with the target population.