The NDNA Education Foundation is doing more than ever to enhance the newspaper profession in North Dakota thanks to an endowment that has reached record levels.

In October the foundation board approved 13 grants for $77,200, both record amounts.

The foundation was incorporated in November of 1978, but had little operating revenue until five years later when it received its first major gift, $25,000 from D.J. Shults, publisher of the Adams Country Record in Hettinger.

Since then the endowment has grown through a combination of fundraising and investment growth, hitting the half million dollar mark in 2006.

It surpassed $1 million in September of 2012 after receiving a bequest from the estate of Don Gackle, president of the BHG publishing group in Garrison.

Today it is worth more than $1.6 million, and is funding an increasing number of programs to benefit newspapers.

"It's especially gratifying that the foundation's endowment continues to grow even as new programs are created to benefit newspapers," said Aaron Becher, general manager of The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead and president of the foundation board.
25 for 25 campaign raises over $11,000

The North Dakota Newspaper Association Education Foundation’s annual 25 for 25 campaign has raised $11,151 so far this year.

The total to date for the annual fundraiser, which helps support foundation programs, comes from 83 of the state’s 90 weekly and daily newspapers.

It is up slightly from last year’s total of $10,594.

Proceeds from the campaign are used to provide grants that support programs such as internships, scholarships, seminars, legislative news, seminars and more.

Those sending gifts or pledges to this year’s campaign are:
1. Adams County Record, Hettinger
2. Aneta Star
3. Benson County Farmers Press, Minnewaukan
4. Beulah Beacon
5. Billings County Pioneer, Medora
6. Bottineau Courant
7. Bowman County Pioneer, Bowman
8. Burke County Tribune, Bowbells
9. Carson Press
10. Cass County Reporter, Casselton
11. Cavalier Chronicle
12. Cavalier County Republican, Langdon
13. Center Republican
14. Devils Lake Journal
15. Dickey County Leader, Ellendale
17. Dunn County Herald, Killdeer
18. Edgeley Mail
19. Edmore Herald
20. Emmons County Record, Linton
21. Enderlin Independent
22. The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
23. Foster County Independent, Carrington
24. Grand Forks Herald
25. Glen Ullin Times
26. Griggs County Courier, Cooperstown
27. Golden Valley News, Beach
28. Grant County News, Elgin
29. Hatton Free Press
30. Hazen Star
31. Hebron Herald
32. Herald-Press, Harvey
33. Hillsboro Banner
34. Jamestown Sun
35. Kenmare News
36. Kulm Messenger
37. Lake Metigoshe Mirror, Bottineau
38. Lakota American
39. LaMoure Chronicle
40. Larimore Leader-Tribune
41. Litchville Bulletin
42. MHA Times, New Town
43. McClusky Gazette
44. McKenzie County Farmer, Watford City
45. McLean County Independent, Garrison
46. McLean County Journal, Turtle Lake
47. McVille Messenger
48. Mountrail County Promoter, Stanley
49. Mountrail County Record, Parshall
50. Mouse River Journal, Towner
51. Napoleon Homestead
52. Nelson County Arena, Michigan
53. New Rockford Transcript
54. New Salem Journal
55. News-Monitor, Hankinson
56. New Town News
57. Oakes Times
58. Pembina New Era
59. Pierce County Tribune, Rugby
60. Ransom County Gazette, Lisbon
61. Renville County Farmer, Mohall
62. Steele County Press, Finley
63. Steele Ozone & Kidder County Press
64. The Gleaner, Northwood
65. The Herald, New England
66. The Journal, Crosby
67. The Leader-News, Washburn
68. The Sargent County Teller, Minor
69. Tioga Tribune
70. Towner County Record Herald, Cando
71. Traill County Tribune, Mayville
72. Tri-County News, Gackle
73. Tri-County Sun, Fordville
74. Turtle Mountain Star, Rolla
75. Underwood News
76. Valley City Times Record
77. Valley News and Views, Drayton
78. Velva Area Voice
79. Wahpeton Daily News
80. Walsh County Press, Park River
81. Walsh County Record, Grafton
82. Westhope Standard
83. Williston Daily Herald

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“To promote the advancement of journalism education, study, research and development through financial assistance, internships, fellowships, lectureships and other means to enhance the newspaper profession in North Dakota.”

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Helping prepare young journalists for media careers is front and center in a record package of grants approved this month by the NDNA Education Foundation board.

In approving 13 grants for $77,200, both record amounts, the board doubled down on the internship program, helped launch a high school and college media association, continued funding scholarships and fellowships, and initiated a new program that will put journalism students to work for N.D. Newspapers.

At the same time it is continuing to support long-standing programs like the Witham Symposium, the Rural Health News Service, oral histories of state newspaper operators, and more.

"It’s exciting for the foundation board to be able to approve a record package of grants that we expect will pay dividends directly back to North Dakota newspapers," said Aaron Becher, president of the foundation board and general manager of The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead.

It’s especially gratifying, he said, that the foundation’s endowment continues to grow even as new programs are created to benefit newspapers.

The newest program established by the foundation is a collaboration with the UND School of Communication, where journalism students have "experiential learning" requirements.

To meet them, the foundation approved a $5,000 grant to fund reporting and editing students for three days of work at a local newspapers.

Two groups of up to five students each will be dispatched to two newspapers to spend three days working as reporters.

Students get the learning experience, and the newspapers get the results of their reporting. Newspapers will be asked to apply to participate in the program.

Meanwhile, the foundation board increased the amount designated for internships from $20,900 to $30,900.

The change will allow the number of college student summer internships to be increased from eight to 12.

Foundation funded video points out fake news dangers

The dangers of fake news are chilling.

What kind of democracy will we have if no one knows for sure if they can believe what they read in the newspaper, or see on TV, or read on the web?

NDNA is nearing completion of a new video that will not only describe the dangers of fake news, but provide advice on how to identify it and avoid spreading it.

The video is being produced for NDNA by Forum Communications through a grant from the NDNA Education Foundation.

Once complete, the video will be available for NDNA members, who will be encouraged to show it to school and community groups to start local discussions about the issues.

Among other things, the video will cover how to identify news that may be false by providing real examples.

Fake news has become increasingly prevalent as click bait, to establish political one-upsmanship, and even by governments to influence foreign relations.

But they’re also found right here in North Dakota, as the video will demonstrate.

Ambitious grant program approved

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Consider giving to the NDNA Education Foundation
- Year-end charitable gifts
- Memorials
- Bequests
- Gifts honoring friends, family or co-workers

Your support helps us help you with internships, seminars, scholarships, legislative news and more.

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