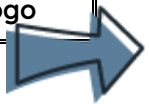


# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany Fund for Education Gala Reception “Celebrating Together for Every Student”

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the new Love Albany Center – 8 Kate Street, Albany

Your sponsorship showcases your support for Albany’s schools  
and provides meaningful visibility options for you and your business

<b>Sponsor Benefits</b> (Sponsorship/Pledge Received by 3/6/2026)	<b>Summa Cum Laude</b> \$10,000	<b>Magna Cum Laude</b> \$5,000	<b>Cum Laude</b> \$2,500	<b>Honor Society</b> \$1,000	<b>Honor Roll</b> \$500
<b>HOW WILL YOUR SPONSORSHIP IMPACT ALBANY STUDENTS?</b>					
Families receiving <b>year-round</b> weekend meals	20	10	5	2	1
Students able to take field trips	2,000	1,000	500	200	100
Instruments repaired for student musicians	60	30	15	6	3
<b>WHAT DOES YOUR SPONSORSHIP PROVIDE FOR YOUR BUSINESS?</b>					
Tickets to event	10	8	8	6	4
Your logo projected during event	✓				
Opportunity to make remarks at event awards ceremony	✓				
Presenting sponsor logo on monthly AFE email updates	✓				
Your logo on Gala slider on AFE homepage	✓	✓			
Prominent (by level) logo placement on invitation, signage & AFE website	✓	✓			
Recognition in pre- and post-event social media and email marketing	✓	✓	✓		
Mention in event remarks	✓	✓	✓		
Sponsor logo on Gala invitation, event signage, and AFE website	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pre-event recognition in social media and email marketing	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Organization’s name listed on Gala invitation, event signage & AFE website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ad in digital event program screened at event and online	Full Page	Full Page	Half Page	¼ Page	Logo



# GALA FAQ:



**Q: What is the program for the event?**

**A:** Sponsors are invited to join us at 6pm for a champagne toast to our honorees – individuals and organizations whose work has made a difference to the Albany City Schools. Food stations open at 6:30; we will present awards and recognize 2025-26 AFE Grant Recipients at 7:15. After 8pm the mood shifts, and we invite you to put on your dancing shoes and celebrate with Albany’s own DJ Trumastr.

**Q: Is the Gala a dinner event? Do we get a table?**

**A:** The Gala is a “strolling supper” with food and dessert stations from local restaurants and a cash bar. It is not a sit-down dinner with tables and meal selections. To support AFE’s mission, paid students from the Albany High Culinary program learn “on the job” by assisting in serving.

**Q: What is the dress code? A:** Business/Cocktail

**Q: When will you send our tickets?**

**A:** There are no paper tickets for the event. When you RSVP, please provide the names of your attendees and they will be on the list at the door.

**Q: What if we can’t attend?**

**A:** If you’re not able to attend or use all your tickets and would like to donate them so that teachers and members of our support staff can attend the Gala, please let us know!

**Q: Is this tax-deductible?**

**A:** AFE is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, and sponsorship donations are tax-deductible as determined by law, minus \$30/person for event ticket. Tax ID: 14-1810885.

**Q: Oh no! I missed the deadline!**

**A:** Sponsorships received or pledged by **3/16/2026** will have their business logo or name (depending on level) printed on the Gala invitation mailed to more than a thousand local supporters. Sponsorships received after this date are still very welcome and will receive all the other Gala benefits listed on the opposite side of this page.



**Register online now!**

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## YES! WE'RE EXCITED TO SUPPORT ALBANY'S STUDENTS WITH OUR SPONSORSHIP OF THE AFE AUCTION AND GALA

- Summa Cum Laude (\$10,000)
- Magna Cum Laude (\$5,000)
- Cum Laude (\$2,500)
- Honor Society (\$1,000)
- Honor Roll (\$500)

If needed, please send your logo as a high-resolution jpg or png file to: [info@albanyfundforeducation.org](mailto:info@albanyfundforeducation.org).

Please make your check payable to:  
**Albany Fund for Education**, P.O. Box 3110, Albany, NY 12203

**Questions?** Please contact AFE Exec. Director Mari Shopsis at [excdir@albanyfundforeducation.org](mailto:excdir@albanyfundforeducation.org) or 518-417-2107.

**Please indicate how your organization’s name should appear on the Gala invitation:**

Organization Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_