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Grads and Future Grads

Welcome to the **2014 Community Scholarship Bulletin** published by Incurage Community Foundation. Incurage administers more than 100 scholarship funds. Scholarship information and application forms are available on our website at incuragecf.org.

Each scholarship is unique. We encourage you to review the eligibility requirements of each and apply for listings that fit your qualifications. The common element in all scholarships is the charitable spirit of the donors who created them. Some are established by organizations interested in a specific field of interest, and others are created to honor loved ones - a child who died before his or her time, a spouse or a parent. We thank the individuals and groups who make these awards possible and believe in the power of education to help people achieve their dreams.

For more information about a scholarship fund or other questions, please contact Mary Wirtz, mlwirtz@incuragecf.org or Teri Dassow, tdassow@incuragecf.org at Incurage, 715.423.3863.

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- Graduating high school senior must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college; Non-traditional student must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time OR part-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe the importance of unionism.**

Deadline: May 15

- Graduating senior of Assumption or Lincoln High School
- Son, daughter, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, or nephew of current year paid or deceased member of Hagerstrom-Rude-Young-Clark Post #9
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Consideration may be given to financial need, as well as merit, promise and achievement
- **ESSAY: Describe what patriotism means to you.**

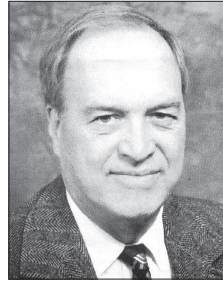
Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated service to school and community

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing a career in any area related to the medical field. Examples would include but not be limited to: physician, nursing, laboratory technician, and x-ray technician
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise and financial need

Deadline: February 24



John Akey Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Wausau Area Local Union No. 4532 as a tribute to John Akey. He was a national business agent for the American Postal Workers Union APWU AFL/CIO at the time of his death in September 2001.

John was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 34 years. During that time, he was the Wausau Area Local Union President for 21 years and was president of the Wisconsin American Postal Workers Union for 12 years.

Joyce Richards, retired president of APWU Wisconsin, remembers John as a mentor and friend. "As we each tuck John into that special place in our hearts, we must remember all of his examples, both serious and mischievous. As the new and young ones enter John's beloved union you must take them under your wing and teach them well as John did," says Richards.

"John had a way of making us feel there was a bright side to everything, and to hang in there as it would no doubt get better," says Bill Sparks, President of Northeastern Wisconsin Area Local, APWU.

American Legion Post 9 Scholarship

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, wartime veterans' organization. A community-service organization, it now numbers nearly three million members - men and women - in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments - one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The scholarships were established by the American Legion Hagerstrom-Rude-Young-Clark Post 9 of Wisconsin Rapids to assist students.



Helen L. Arndt Scholarship

Helen Arndt was a long-time employee of Consolidated Papers, Inc., advancing within the company and ultimately serving as secretary for George Mead. She retired from that position in 1980.

A lifelong resident of the Wisconsin Rapids area, Helen believed in the power of higher education to open doors for all people. She established this scholarship fund in 1996.

It was Helen's desire to reach students who are deserving of scholarship assistance and might not qualify for a high percentage of financial assistance or those that are deserving, though not at the very top of the class.

Helen passed away on December 20, 2008, at the age of 92.

Aspirus Doctors Clinic Scholarship

This scholarship was originally established by Doctors Clinic of Wisconsin Rapids, S.C. The Clinic began distributing scholarships to graduating seniors who were pursuing a degree in nursing.

The Doctors Clinic was established in 1956 and became part of Aspirus in 2005. Throughout the years, they have expanded the area of candidates to include graduating seniors interested in pursuing a degree within the medical profession.





Brent J. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship

Brent was a senior in the Nekoosa Public School District at the time of his death. He passed away at the age of 17 on November 14, 2010, due to a hunting accident. Brent enjoyed working on ANY engine. His future goal was to go to the technical college and to be a diesel mechanic.

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Brent by donations from his family and many friends. Brent is survived by his mother, Julia, and father, David.

Brent lived his life to the fullest, with his favorite saying "You only live once".



Edna G. Bach Nursing Scholarship

"There is a great need for nurses, both men and women, not only in hospitals and nursing homes, but in home health care as well," said Edna Bach, retired RN. Edna graduated in 1941 from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Marshfield.

She felt it was a privilege to have been part of the changes in the nursing profession over the past 60 years. Edna created this scholarship to encourage more young people to enter the nursing field. She passed away on April 23, 2012, at the age of 92.



Elda Bark Memorial Scholarship

Elda Bark was a generous and loving woman in life and the effects of her generosity are being felt in this community more than 30 years after her death in 1978. The Elda Bark Memorial Scholarship was established with a bequest of \$300,000.

The former Elda Wendt was born in Milwaukee and married Alfred Bark in 1929. They moved to Wisconsin Rapids when Mr. Bark was hired as a corporate officer at Preway, Inc. Their

only child, a daughter, Caryl Jean, was severely handicapped and died at the age of 24. Friends think that it was Caryl's inability to take part in activities with other children that led her mother to establish a scholarship that would benefit many young people.



Tammy Batten Memorial Scholarship

Tammy Batten was a beloved physical education teacher at Washington Elementary School prior to her death in 2003 at the age of 43. She was an inspiration to students and teachers alike – involved in many activities such as Special Olympics, play buddy groups, jump rope club, and student-teacher game days.

Working for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools, she served as district specially designed physical education teacher and a special needs early childhood teacher during her 17-year tenure. Tammy was a track and volleyball coach at East Junior High School and Lincoln High School; and she was an advocate for fitness both statewide and nationally.

Tammy is survived by her husband, David, and daughter, Krista. She was a loving, caring, giving, and encouraging friend. Her wonderful spirit touched everyone. She lived what she believed in - helping friends, having faith in God, and helping others become the best they could be. Tammy always had concern and showed her love for others.

It is in this spirit that the Tammy Batten Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends to perpetuate the profession she loved so much.

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School or Nekoosa Academy
- Minimum GPA of 2.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Primary consideration will be given to a student pursuing a career in diesel mechanics

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in Wisconsin Rapids
- Pursuing a degree in the nursing profession
- Acceptance or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise; possess qualities of leadership potential
- Financial need documented through completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Report

Deadline: April 8

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Pursuing a career in K-12 education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated service to their school and community

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa, John Edwards, or Assumption High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated good citizenship, academically gifted, and involved in their community

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior who attended Howe Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated service to school and community
- Preference given to students entering the field of education
- **ESSAY: Describe how attending Howe Elementary made a positive difference in your education.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption High School
- Pursuing a career in architecture, engineering or business
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise
- Academic challenging course work pertaining to chosen profession
- Consideration may be given to financial need

Deadline: February 24

Bell Family Scholarship

The Bell Family Scholarship was created to provide financial support to worthy graduating students who are motivated to pursue their education beyond high school.



Elinor G. Benkowski Memorial Scholarship

Nothing could have been more meaningful to her or more depictive of the wonderful teaching legacy of Elinor Benkowski than the establishment of a memorial scholarship in her name.

Elinor devoted more than four decades of her working life to the teaching of young high school girls and boys in their most formative years. She was dedicated to their well-being and committed to ensuring that their education was grounded in a truly inquisitive zeal for knowledge while concurrently

embracing and instilling in them the highest human values so essential to their becoming contributory and caring members of society.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Billmeyer Memorial Scholarship

Carl and Marjorie Billmeyer were lifelong residents of Wisconsin Rapids. Mr. Billmeyer was an architect who designed and built such memorable churches as S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, as well as Assumption High School and many other buildings in the south Wood County area.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, Wisconsin Rapids Elks, Rotary Club, and the American Institute of Architects. Mrs. Billmeyer was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Elks Ladies, active in her church, S.S. Peter & Paul, and school activities.

"Dad found pleasure in the outdoors, hunting and fishing when he could take a couple days or a week off," said his son, David Billmeyer. "He also loved to travel, as did my mother." He remembered his dad as being a very hard worker. Daughters of the couple are Rosanne Mehta of Mequon and Mary Bronk of Wisconsin Rapids.

John and Karen Bingham Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2011, by the Board of Central Wisconsin BMX Club, Inc. in honor and appreciation for John and Karen's many years of service and dedication. They have supported the youth of our community through their careers in the field of education and in their involvement with Central Wisconsin BMX – an organization that promotes and encourages the sport of BMX and what it represents.

BMX (bicycle motocross) offers discipline to focus energy, self-esteem to build confidence, physical fitness to develop strong minds and bodies, as well as offering family unity, entertainment, community involvement, and awareness.

John and Karen were introduced to BMX racing in 1998 when their son, Casey, got involved. The family atmosphere and great people associated with BMX racing drew John and Karen to get more active in the organization. John served as president and Karen as secretary/treasurer for 11 years.

Highlights of those years were the relocation of the track facility, growth in membership, hosting seven State Championship Finals, and the first national BMX event held locally in 2010.

With the establishment of this scholarship, Central Wisconsin BMX believes the generous time and talents that John and Karen have shared with so many will be honored by their financial opportunity given in their name. Students will be able to continue to pursue their dreams through higher education for many years to come.



Renee J. Bombaci Memorial Scholarship

Renee Bombaci was a 1980 graduate of Lincoln High School. She earned her Bachelor Degree in Social Work from UW-Madison in 1985 and her Master's Degree from California State University-San Bernardino. Renee was working for the Department of Social Services as a training coordinator at the time of her death on December 18, 2003.

Established by her mother, Ginger, and Jerry Hendricksen, to memorialize the beautiful person that Renee was, this

scholarship provides assistance to a graduating senior pursuing a career in social work.



Bridget Bord Memorial Scholarship

Born in 1963, Bridget Ann Bord grew up in Wisconsin Rapids. She graduated from Assumption High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, while working full-time in Toledo, Ohio. At the time of her death on January 25, 2007, Bridget was employed as a retirement plans manager in corporate benefits from Snap-on in Kenosha.

Bridget loved helping people and believed in the power of education. It is her family's hope that through this scholarship, Bridget's kind and caring spirit will live on and inspire the lives of many young people for generations to come.

- Graduating high school senior, prior year high school graduate, or student who will have earned a GED or HSED certificate before the start of the current year fall semester
- Current ABA or USA BMX member in Wisconsin
- Minimum GPA 2.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at a college, university, technical college, or specialty school

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Pursuing a degree in social work, psychology or any related field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated interest in social work type of career through school, work and community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption or Lincoln High School or non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Minimum GPA 2.75
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Involved in community and school activities
- Demonstrated spirit of a helping and caring attitude

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in an area related to the field of education and/or counseling
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise and genuine desire to make a difference in lives of others

Deadline: February 24



James L. Chaffin Memorial Scholarship

A high school drop-out himself at 16, James L. Chaffin returned to complete his high school degree and went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree in education, as well as two master's degrees in education and guidance and counseling.

Jim was a gifted and exceptional teacher and counselor, and he helped to develop the LEAP Program at Lincoln High School from 1977-1995.

According to his family, Jim was dedicated to helping his students find themselves and believe in their capabilities. "Jim had a genuine desire and incredible abilities in reaching and impacting young adults who were struggling. He really cared and listened, and his students trusted him. Jim made a significant difference in the lives of many. It is our hope that others will carry on his legacy through pursuing further education in the fields of counseling and education to serve our nation's youth."

Some of Jim's students wrote... "Thank you, Jim, for your honesty and encouragement while I was in your class 20 years ago at Lincoln. I've never forgotten your constructive words as they helped me to realize my potential. You truly made a difference." – Paul

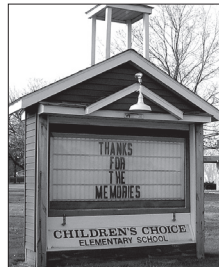
"Jim was always an advocate for those of us who had more to worry about than our grades. Today, I am a success because of him. When I think of the list of people I would thank, Jim would be at the top. He continues to be a role model for me and how I want to treat others." – Kevin

This scholarship seeks to assist students who demonstrate a true desire and academic promise for pursuing college degrees in education or counseling related fields.

This fund was established by Jim's family and friends to provide scholarship assistance in his memory.

- Graduating high school senior who attended Children's Choice Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids
- Minimum GPA 2.75
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe how attending Children's Choice Elementary School made a positive difference in your education.**

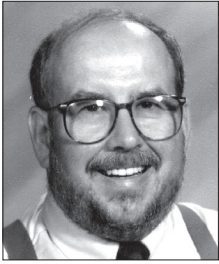
Deadline: February 24



Children's Choice Elementary School Scholarship

Children's Choice Elementary School opened in the fall of 1890, with an enrollment of 22 children. In 1917, District No. 4's parent organization asked its members to submit potential names for the school. Mrs. Gilbert Moll submitted "Children's Choice School" which was accepted. In June 1949, construction began on a new building, which was designed to accommodate 150 children in six classrooms and a multi-purpose room.

It continued to provide a quality educational experience for children until its closure in 2006. This scholarship was established by donations from Children's Choice families, the Parent Teacher Committee, staff, and alumni in order to honor a place that will be remembered by hundreds of students, families, and staff members as a wonderful place in which to work, learn and play.



Fred Dahm Memorial Scholarship

Fred Dahm was a social studies teacher at Lincoln High School for 30 years until his death on September 28, 2001, at the age of 55. He taught a variety of subjects including American History, Great Books, and Political Philosophy. Fred received numerous awards throughout his career. In 1986, the UW-Stevens Point History Department named him Outstanding History Teacher of the Year. Fred was the recipient of the Kohl Teaching Fellowship and a Wisconsin Rapids Teacher of the Year Award in 1998.

He was also Director of Volunteer Services for the Lincoln High School Volunteer Center. He brought creativity and humor into all of his endeavors as well as a strong sense of social responsibility.

"Fred believed that public education is the cornerstone for maintaining democracy and should be available to everyone," says his wife, Mary Dahm. "He also believed that involvement - in addition to thought - is part of education and that is why Fred established the Volunteer Center."

Upon Fred's death, many former students came forward to share their sense of loss and appreciation for having had him as a teacher. Fred's family established this scholarship to continue his work in helping students accomplish goals of social responsibility.

Chuck Davies Scholarship

Chuck established this fund in appreciation for many people who worked with him along the way.



Kathleen Davis Scholarship *In memory of her father, Gordon Krubsack*

Kathleen Krubsack-Davis established this scholarship as a memorial to her father Gordon Krubsack. Gordon worked for the Nekoosa School District for many years and loved being around the faculty and students. He was a wonderful man who enjoyed many outdoor activities, with golf and fishing being his favorites. He never minded lending a helping hand to someone in need.

This scholarship represents a thank you to the citizens of Nekoosa and the surrounding area who rallied behind the Krubsack family after the accident that took their father and injured their mother and Kathleen. They offered whatever they could in aid, comfort, and support to their extended family during and after the months of recuperation.

It is Kathleen's hope that through the Kathleen Davis Scholarship Fund, their family, the faculty, the students and the citizens of Nekoosa will be able to appreciate what Gordon tried to demonstrate throughout his life - the good that comes from people helping people through difficult times.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in a public service field. Examples would include but not be limited to: teaching, counseling, social work, corrections/police science
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated commitment to a vision of a better world; emphasis on volunteerism, civic engagement, and citizenship
- Consideration may be given for financial need
- **ESSAY: Describe how you will make a positive difference in the world through your education and career.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a public or parochial high school in south Wood County or a non-traditional student, including veterans, who reside in south Wood County
- Pursuing higher education in any field of study
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for part- or full-time enrollment at any accredited institution of choice
- Demonstrated strong personal character, good work ethic, and dedication to continuing their education
- Although scholastic achievement is important, the C student should be considered as strongly as the A student
- Consideration may be given to financial need

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School or Nekoosa Academy
- Minimum GPA 2.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, technical college, or specialty school
- Although scholastic achievement is important, the C student should be considered as strongly as the A or B student
- Consideration should be given to the quiet, deserving student to the same degree as the student involved in numerous extra-curricular activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior Girl Scout who has earned the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise, ability to communicate ideas and foster goodwill
- Primary consideration given to students in Wood County; secondary consideration given to students in Wisconsin counties served by GSNWGL
- **ESSAY: Describe what you did to earn your Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award; discuss your goals as they pertain to the Girl Scout Mission.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Pursuing a minimum of a two-year degree in the field of agriculture, engineering, health sciences, or mechanical trades
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated characteristic of being conscientious and hard working
- Financial need may be a consideration

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise
- **ESSAY: Share an original short story or piece of poetry that demonstrates your writing ability.**

Deadline: February 24

Debus Memorial Girl Scout Scholarship

In memory of Dr. Elmer E. & Frances H. Debus

This scholarship was established by Merrill and Mary Redman (daughter) and grandson Jim in honor of Dr. Elmer E. and Frances H. Debus.

This scholarship will provide assistance to a graduating senior Girl Scout in Wisconsin registered with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL).



Dempze Family Scholarship

In memory of Gordon and Iris Dempze

The Dempze Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 by the children of Gordon and Iris Dempze, to create a lasting memorial that reflects their strong belief in education. The fund was made possible by the generous support of many friends and relatives of the Dempze family.

Gordon and Iris Dempze were lifelong residents of Biron, where they owned and operated the Dempze Cranberry Company, as well as the Gaynor Cranberry Company in Cranmoor and the Tamarack Flowage Cranberry Company in Three Lakes.

In the early 1940s, Gordon and Iris lived in Stevens Point where Gordon served as a civilian flight instructor, training pilots for World War II. He then served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot and flew supplies between North Africa and Italy. After the war, Gordon and Iris settled down in Biron to manage their cranberry marshes and raise their family.

Like many members of the "Greatest Generation", Gordon and Iris believed in the value of hard work and a good education. They took great joy in encouraging and supporting their children's and grandchildren's educations, and their children feel that they would be pleased to have this scholarship fund established in their memory.



Elisa Derickson Fund for Writing

Elisa Derickson, a 1993 Lincoln High School graduate, won an essay contest sponsored by Seventeen Magazine in 1994 when she wrote about "beauty being more than skin deep" in 100 words or less. Among her prizes were a \$10,000 college scholarship and \$4,000 to donate to the charity of her choice. She donated the money to the newly formed Community Foundation of South Wood County.

Elisa was a member of Riverwood Roundtable, a local writing group. Edith Nash of Wisconsin Rapids, a founding member of the writing group, contributed \$1,000 to the fund, along with additional funds she raised. All money was matched by funds from the Richard S. Brazeau Family Foundation.

Elisa is the daughter of Norvel and Sandra Derickson of Wisconsin Rapids. She received a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.



Kyle R. Dick Memorial Scholarship

Kyle was a freshman in the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District at the time of his death. He was killed tragically in a motor vehicle crash on July 29, 2007. Kyle enjoyed working on engines and liked diesel mechanics. Kyle's future goal was to be an operating engineer.

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Kyle by his family and friends. Kyle is survived by his mother, Jayne; father, Russell; and sisters, Melissa and Ashley. Losing Kyle is a great loss, but his memory lives on through this scholarship.



Betty and Bernell Dye Pittsville Memorial Scholarship

Betty and Bernell Dye were raised in central Wisconsin. Bernell worked at Consolidated Papers, Inc. for 31 years in the Kraft Division where he held the position of maintenance supervisor. Betty was a cook and volunteer for the Nekoosa School District. This scholarship was established in 2004 by their children.

- Graduating senior or prior year graduate of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at Mid-State Technical College; primary consideration given to student pursuing education in Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician or Automotive Technician programs

Deadline: February 24



Betty and Bernell Dye Tri-City Memorial Scholarship

Betty and Bernell Dye were raised in central Wisconsin. Bernell worked at Consolidated Papers, Inc. for 31 years in the Kraft Division where he held the position of maintenance supervisor. Betty was a cook and volunteer for the Nekoosa School District. This scholarship was established in 2004 by their children.

- Graduating senior of Pittsville High School
- Minimum GPA 2.75
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited university, college, or technical college
- Demonstrated involvement in school or community volunteer activities
- **ESSAY: Describe the importance of community involvement.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a public or parochial high school in Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa or Port Edwards; or graduating senior of Northland Lutheran or Wisconsin Valley Lutheran in Mosinee who resides in south Wood County
- Minimum GPA 2.75
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated involvement in school or community volunteer activities
- **ESSAY: Describe the importance of community involvement.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior or non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Pursuing education in the elder healthcare field
- Demonstrated helping, caring attitude and passion towards working with the senior population through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating female senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Currently participating in school or community volunteer activities
- **ESSAY: Describe how volunteering has directed your path toward long range goals.**

Deadline: February 24

This scholarship provides awards to students within two sets of criteria.

The first award will support:

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School in the Exceptional Education Needs Program
- Demonstrated desire to advance and be successful in higher education

The second award will support:

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in any area related to the field of exceptional education needs
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise

Deadline: February 24



Elder Health Care Educational Scholarship – Margaret Timm Boles Memorial

This scholarship was established in honor of Margaret Timm Boles by her family. Margaret passed away in August 2009, just three months before her 100th birthday.

She was a lifelong resident of Wisconsin Rapids. She was elected as the first female class president at Lincoln High School in 1926. She sacrificed her desire for higher education, and worked to help support her brother, as he became a teacher. Margaret was very active in the community as both a volunteer and a business owner. Her happiest roles, though, were as a mother and grandmother.

She spent the last four years of her life as a resident of The Renaissance where she endeared herself to the staff through her positive attitude, warm smile, and delightful laugh. Margaret was always grateful for the loving kindness she experienced from her caregivers, and would be honored to know that this scholarship will help enable those interested in a career in elder health care to pursue their dreams.

Elks Ladies of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693 Scholarship

The Elks Ladies scholarship will support a female student who is a graduating high school senior in south Wood County and currently participating in school or community volunteer activities. Although scholastic achievement is important, the student with a C average should be considered as strongly as the A or B student.



Cathy J. Fehrman Memorial Scholarship

Cathy Fehrman was a speech and language clinician for the Wisconsin Rapids School District until her death from breast cancer in 1989. "The fund seeks to assist students who demonstrate her love for children, her desire to make a difference in the lives that she touched, and her professionalism and dedication to the career she chose and lived," says her sister, Judy Yantos.

Cathy, a 1969 graduate of Lincoln High School, had degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW-Stevens Point.

Those who knew Cathy remember her as kind-hearted, gentle, dedicated, and fun. She loved being with and helping children, especially her own Megan and Tyson. Her energy, sense of humor and love of her profession could not help but get others excited and give them hope.

This fund was established by her family and friends to provide scholarship assistance in her memory.



Georgia Fenner Memorial Scholarship

Georgia Fenner had been a receptionist in the student services office at Lincoln High School for six years when she died of ovarian cancer in October of 1997 at the age of 43.

In discussions with her husband, Brian, Georgia indicated her desire to establish a scholarship that would help students who set goals and know how to reach those goals.

“Georgia loved going to work every day. She wanted to help the students and always saw the positive side where others

might see the negative side,” says Brian.

She was an avid golfer and there is a bench with her name on it at the 10th tee box at The Ridges. “Golf was one of her passions,” says Brian. Georgia was involved in everything her kids were involved in and more. Children of the couple are Courtney and Clinton. She was active in the South Wood County Youth Hockey League for many years, and worked with people around the state. She and Brian also were involved in Badger State Games.

This scholarship was funded in memory of Georgia by her family and friends.



Lynn and Ruth Feutz Education Scholarship

Lynn and Ruth Feutz were teachers in the Wisconsin Rapids School District for many years. They came to Wisconsin Rapids in 1950 when Mr. Feutz started his 26-year career at Children’s Choice School in the town of Grand Rapids where he taught and was principal. From 1970 to 1976, he also was principal at Grant School in Kellner. Mrs. Feutz taught third-grade students at Grove School for 20 years.

Inspired by their respective mothers who were also teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Feutz started their careers with only basic rural school teachers’ training, teaching in one-room rural schools in Clark County. Over several years, they taught and raised their family, while at the same time, earning college degrees.

In their early years, both were involved in 4-H. Later, Mr. Feutz was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Lions Club and the Grand Rapids Zoning Appeals Board. He taught many local kids to water ski at Lake Wazeecha. Both Mr. and Mrs. Feutz were members of a snowmobile club. He was still riding his snowmobile in 1999.

Throughout their 63-year marriage, the couple enjoyed traveling. They saw all of the United States and Canada, Mexico and Europe, sharing their photo slides with the community.

Mrs. Feutz died September 21, 1999, and Mr. Feutz died November 10, 2000. This scholarship was established as a lasting legacy in their names to provide assistance to students pursuing a degree in education.

Mr. and Mrs. Feutz were unwavering in their commitment to maintaining solid educational standards. They held high expectations of those they taught and are now credited by those former students with inspiring a desire to excel and reach further than might have been. They cared that their students received a quality education.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise; service to school or community
- **ESSAY: Describe how you plan to make a positive difference in the world through your education and career.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing a degree in education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Primary selection criteria includes: personal character of the applicant, an excellent scholastic record, the ability to express themselves in writing
- Secondary consideration may be given to financial need

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in the field of nursing
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic performance; passion for nursing career through school, community, or work activities

Deadline: February 24



Marion Fey Nursing Scholarship

Marion Fey, a lifetime resident of the Wisconsin Rapids area, was a teacher at Nekoosa Elementary School as a young woman. She married Manuel Fey who developed a printing company here.

Mrs. Fey was an active member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, serving in the choir and St. Cecilia Altar Guild. She served as president of St. Katherine's Guild for nine years and was chair of the antique show and sale at church for 11 years. She also was president of the United Church Women.

Mrs. Fey was past regent of AhDahWaGam and president of Riverview Hospital Auxiliary. She served on the board of UW-Stevens Point Alumni.

She was also a member of Who's Who of American Women and Citizen of the Year in Wisconsin Rapids in 1985. Mrs. Fey died at the age of 91, on October 23, 1993.

"Cousin Marion was a generous, selfless, caring, thoughtful person. She was interested in kids, enjoyed traveling, and was always interested in what others were doing," says Mary Brazeau Brown, Wisconsin Rapids.

The scholarship was established by Marion Fey in recognition of the excellent nursing care her husband received during an illness.

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County or a non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Pursuing a degree in the skilled trades. Examples would include but not be limited to: welding, automotive technology, pipefitting, instrumentation, computer systems analysis, etc.
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at Mid-State Technical College
- Scholarship supports tuition, textbooks, tools, or equipment associated with trade degree

Deadline: February 24



Gene "Butch" Forstner Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a tribute to Butch, who passed away on August 24, 2008. Butch had a lifelong interest and uncanny skill at 'fixing things'.

Butch developed his skills as a young boy by designing and building his own Soap Box Derby racecar. At 15, he built his own stock car by finding the needed engine, frame, and parts in a wrecking yard. His next fun and challenging project was a built-from-parts street rod Roadster - this was half the fun and the challenge of racing for him.

In 1971 he and his wife, Sandy, started their business - Midway Sports Center, Inc. or as it is known today M.S.C., Inc. In his machine shop, he worked on engines, re-sleeved cylinders along with repairing and straightening crankshafts for snowmobiles and motorcycles across the state. Butch also sold and distributed recreational parts and supplies to dealers. Later he concentrated on designing and building docks and lifts for the marine industry.

Butch's buddies nicknamed him 'McGyver' because there wasn't anything he couldn't fix or figure out when someone needed help with anything mechanical.

Dr. Robert "Buck" Gill Scholarship

Dr. Gill was a lifelong resident of Wisconsin Rapids, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1950. He furthered his education at UW-SP and the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, graduating in 1955. After serving in the U.S. Army medical corps, he returned to Wisconsin Rapids to open his optometry practice, "R.D. Gill OD" in 1957 which continued until his retirement in 1995.

Following Dr. Gill's death in September 2009, his family established this scholarship in his memory, to support the value he placed on higher education and to show appreciation to the community where he enjoyed living, working, and raising a family.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School who resides in south Wood County
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise

Deadline: February 24

Girl Scouts of Woodland Council Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Girl Scouts of Woodland Council Alumni Group. Woodland Council service area includes the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, Wood, as well as portions of Clark, Fond du Lac and Juneau counties.

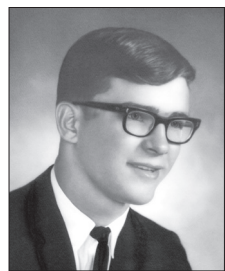


The Alumni Group was organized so women could continue involvement with the organization as adults. "We feel that this is one way to give back. We all were mentored by wonderful, caring women and want to pass that legacy on," says Lucy Rose Johns, a member of the Alumni Group.

The Alumni Group hopes that the scholarship will encourage young women to stay in scouting and create more awareness of the Girl Scout program in the community.

- Graduating high school senior who has earned the Gold Award and is currently registered as a Senior Girl Scout with Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes in the Woodland Council service area
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated the ability to express self both orally and in writing
- Participated in community volunteer activities
- **ESSAY: Describe how you earned the Gold Award.**

Deadline: February 24



William M. Gleue Jr. Memorial Scholarship

William "Dusty" Gleue was the middle child of three, born August 18, 1950, to Bill and Kitty Gleue. The scholarship was established in 1967 when Dusty, a senior at Lincoln High School, was killed in an automobile accident.

Bill's mother gave him the nickname of Dusty before she brought him home from the hospital because she didn't want him called Junior. He was a standout on the football team and received the Channel 7 Football Award following his

junior and senior years of competition. He also excelled and lettered in wrestling and was a conference champ in his weight category. "He was a scrappy wrestler," said his father.

Dusty was family-oriented and made friends easily. "There were always friends at our house," said his mother. "On game days, it wasn't unusual to have six or eight members of the football team come by at noon for a meal. We were always knee-deep in kids," says his father.

Bill Gleue Sr. was the owner of Gleue Ford, a Wisconsin Rapids car dealership founded by his uncle. Dusty worked on Saturdays cleaning up the garage. Kitty was a homemaker and worked at the Doctors Clinic. Bill and Kitty's other children are Pamela and Bob.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Participated in wrestling or football at Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic ability and strong personal character

Deadline: February 24

Grand Rapids Fire Department Maynard Keuntjes Memorial Scholarship

In November 1995, the Grand Rapids Fire Department set up the Maynard Keuntjes Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of former chief Maynard Keuntjes. The fund was started with a donation from the family to promote continuing education in fire service.



Chief Keuntjes served on the department as a member from September 9, 1970 to September 8, 1982. In 2002, when the money in this fund was gone, the department decided to continue funding this scholarship in the memory of its former fire chief. The scholarship was renamed as the Grand Rapids Fire Department Maynard Keuntjes Memorial Scholarship and is now funded through donations and special efforts of members of the department.

- Graduating senior or prior year graduate of Assumption, John Edwards, Lincoln, Nekoosa, Nekoosa Academy, or River Cities High School
- Pursuing a degree in fire science
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise and leadership in school activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in the field of education, with preference given for grades K-12
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Multi-year award for up to four years based upon academic performance and continued pursuit of a teaching degree

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Planning to pursue a doctorate as a medical doctor, physical therapist or nurse in a program accredited by LCME, CCNE, or APTA
- Applicant must be in top 25th percentile of graduating class
- Post-graduate studies must begin within seven academic years after graduating from Lincoln High School
- **ESSAY: Almost everyone goes into healthcare to make a difference in the lives of others, but how do you plan to make a difference in healthcare itself?**

Deadline: February 24

- Continuing college student who has earned a bachelor's degree
- Pursuing a degree in the field of dentistry
- Resident of Adams, Clark, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Portage, or Wood County
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an ADA accredited dental college in Wisconsin or University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Demonstrated integrity and strong work ethic
- Financial need may be a consideration
- Preference may be given to a student who is a Wood County resident, intending to pursue the dental profession as a general practitioner in Wisconsin

Deadline: February 24



Barbara Schmitz Grasser Memorial Scholarship

The family of Barbara Grasser established the Barbara Schmitz Grasser Memorial Scholarship in 1991 to honor the Assumption High School teacher and coach who died June 15, 1991, in Pittsburgh, where she was waiting for a multiple transplant.

For Barb, Assumption High School was her life. Barb taught biology and physical science, established and coached the Royals Pom Pon Squad, and was an integral part of the Christian Youth Mission Club (CYMC) where she instilled in her students a caring for their fellow man through various programs. Barb was instrumental in organizing the first Royal Event that was expanded from the CYMC Karnival. She received several awards for her dedication to the teaching field and to her students.

Barb Grasser was a very special lady who made a difference in the many lives she touched. She was involved and often said, "I don't have any children of my own, but the kids at Assumption are my family".



Gullick/Naze Medical Scholarship

Given in memory of Lenice Gullick, for the care that she and her husband, Harold, received in the area for the final decade of their lives. Her daughter, Carol Naze, C.P.N.P., and husband, Gregory Naze, M.D., worked in the healthcare field in Wisconsin Rapids for over 25 years. Her grandchildren, Nathan, Garrett and Sawyer Naze, all were graduates of Lincoln High School. Lenice, unable to attend college herself, was a strong advocate of higher education and encouraged

her family at a young age to attend college. All three of her children and all seven of her grandchildren graduated from a Wisconsin university.



Dr. Charles W. Gurtler Dental Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Charles W. "Charlie" Gurtler was a highly respected practicing dentist in Wisconsin Rapids for 40 years until his retirement in 1999. His family and friends established this fund upon his death in February 2006 as a memorial to help perpetuate the profession he loved so much.

Charlie Gurtler was born on July 21, 1934 in Wisconsin Rapids. He was 71 years old when he died on natural causes at his Village of Biron home. Charlie had a long and illustrious athletic and academic career at both Lincoln High School and the University of Minnesota. He graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1958.

Charlie returned to Wisconsin Rapids and married his lifetime love, Sharon "Sherry" Gurtler. Together they raised their four children: Kerry (Gurtler) Ninneman, Charles W. Gurtler, Jr., Paul R. Gurtler, and Melanie (Gurtler) Gauthier.

In addition to his highly successful dental practice, he was heavily involved in many civic, fraternal, religious, and governmental organizations which included serving on the Wood County Board of Supervisors for two decades.

"Doc really enjoyed life. He loved his wife and family very much. He enjoyed helping his patients at his dental clinic. He also loved Wisconsin Rapids and Wood County. He was a real champion of the citizen-taxpayer. He had many God-given talents that he fully shared with others. He was certainly a one-of-a-kind man who won't be forgotten any time soon," said his son.



Sherry Gurtler Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Sherry Gurtler was a nurse at East Junior High School for 15 years until her retirement in 1996. Her family and friends established this fund upon her death in August 2002 as a memorial to perpetuate the profession she loved so much.

Sharon "Sherry" Gurtler was born June 13, 1939, in Wisconsin Rapids to Kathryn (Witte) and Elmer McNamee of Vesper. She was 63 when she died of progressive supra nuclear palsy, a disease that affects the muscles.

She had completed one year of nurses training prior to marrying Dr. Charles Gurtler on October 25, 1958. She was a full-time homemaker, raising four children until 1973, when she attended the practical nursing program at MSTC and worked for a year as a nurse at West Junior High. In 1976, she returned to nursing school in Marshfield and earned a degree as a registered nurse.

"Sherry was full of life. She enjoyed people, especially children," said her husband, Dr. Charles Gurtler, who passed away on February 19, 2006. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, playing the piano and organ, and she loved to sing. Family gatherings were festive and full of music. The couple enjoyed dancing and could often be seen on the dance floor at Elks events. She served many organizations including Wood County Republican Women, Cub Scouts, S.S. Peter and Paul CCD, Home & School, Wisconsin Ladies Elks, and the Wisconsin Nurses Association.

Children of Sherry and Charlie Gurtler are Kerry Ninneman, Charles Gurtler Jr., Paul Gurtler, and Melanie Gauthier, along with many grandchildren.

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County or a non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Pursuing a career in nursing
- Graduating high school student must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college; Non-traditional student must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for enrollment with a minimum of 6 credit hours at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise, passion for nursing career through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24



Leonard and LaRayne Guth Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of LaRayne Guth by her husband, Leonard, and their four children, Richard, Alan, Sara, and Mary.

Leonard and LaRayne were married in 1962 and moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1965. Leonard and LaRayne held a strong belief in education. This scholarship is for students who have a sincere desire and drive to improve themselves through higher education.

LaRayne was born in 1927 and passed away in 1989. She was a devoted stay-at-home mother. After their children grew up, she worked at Sentry Insurance and D-Mart Grocery Store. LaRayne was known for her giving nature and dedication to her church, St. Vincent de Paul, where her skill in arts and crafts provided many beautiful items for the annual church bazaar.

Leonard was born in 1923. He served in the Army Air Force from 1943-1946. Leonard graduated from UW-Madison in 1950 with a degree in Civil Engineering. After retirement, Leonard was elected to the Wood County Board of Supervisors where he served for 14 years.

Leonard and LaRayne spent many vacations with their family and friends fishing on the lakes of Canada and enjoying their tree farm in Portage County.

- Graduating senior of Assumption, Lincoln, or Almond High School
- Pursuing a degree in any field of study
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Multi-semester award for up to two years based upon academic performance

Deadline: February 24

This scholarship provides awards to students within two sets of criteria.

- Graduating senior of Assumption High School or prior year recipient of the Earl and Vivian Haefs Assumption Medical Field Scholarship
- Pursuing a career in any health care related field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated passion for field of study chosen, academic potential, strong personal character, and work ethic
- Financial need may be a consideration
- **ESSAY: Graduating high school senior - Describe an experience that motivated you to pursue a career in the healthcare field; Prior year recipient - Describe your career choice and what influenced you to choose it.**
- NOTE: Recipients may reapply in subsequent years

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated caring and giving characteristics

Deadline: February 24



Earl and Vivian Haefs Assumption Medical Field Scholarship

Earl and Vivian Haefs of Wisconsin Rapids established a scholarship fund in their name to help benefit students from Assumption High School interested in pursuing higher education in the medical field.

The Haefs' tribute their two sons' ability to achieve doctorate degrees, Dr. Kurt Haefs, O.D., (AHS '83) and Dr. Kent Haefs, O.D., (AHS '86), to the fine education

emphasizing good study skills at Assumption High School. They also graduated from St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids, Marquette University in Milwaukee, and Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago.

Earl, a maintenance storeroom clerk, retired from Consolidated after 43 years of service at Biron Division. He was also a member of the Red Arrow National Guard HQ Army Division. Earl has been an Elks member for 38 years. Vivian taught first grade for 39 years at Washington School. Earl and Vivian were married 51 years on November 7, 2010.

They have traveled extensively with their family and friends in the states as well as abroad. In retirement, they are enjoying time spent with their family, grandchildren, and friends boating, downhill skiing, golfing, biking, and snowmobiling. Earl is eagerly volunteering on a farm in Rudolph and managing his rental apartments. Vivian is enthusiastically subbing for the WRPS system and the ABC Enrichment Center.



John L. and Frances M. Harter Memorial Scholarship

John L. and Frances M. Harter moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1973 with their two daughters, Tina and Tami. They devoted their lives to assisting family and friends who needed a hand.

John was the general manager of Potter & Son Cranberries, Inc. for 20 years until his death in 2005 at age 58. His care and comfort for his wife, Frances, who

battled a fatal disease for two years, showed his unending devotion and amazing spirit. He believed that the power of a positive attitude could overcome any of life's obstacles. The people he touched will never forget his generosity, positive attitude and strong work ethic.

Frances was the faculty clerk at Lincoln High School from 1985 to 2000. Her vibrant personality brought in teachers and students alike, who would come in and chat with her, many asking for advice. She cared deeply about others and was always willing to lend an ear and assist wherever she could. She will be remembered for her love of family, beautiful smile, and fun spirit. She passed away in 2002 at age 53.

Their life together was an inspiration to everyone who knew them. The scholarship was established in their memory by family and friends.

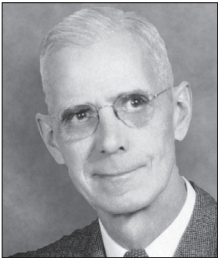


Renny Hartje Scholarship

Renny Hartje was an administrative assistant in the Nekoosa Public School District for 26 years.

She attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Assumption High School in 1964. She passed away on May 11, 2011, and had a special love for her flower gardens, birds, and angels.

This scholarship was established to remember a great lady!



Aloysius "Al" Hauck Engineering Scholarship

Aloysius "Al" Hauck was a consulting electrical engineer at Sola Basic Industries until shortly before his death in September 1981. Prior to consulting at Sola Basic, Al had a long career as a well-respected engineer at Surges Electric Company and its successor companies, Hevi-Duty Electric, Basic Products Corporation, and Sola Basic Industries.

During his career, Al was issued seven U.S. and two Canadian patents, several of which concerned operational control of airport runway lighting. Al's creativity was not limited to his patents. The son of a carpenter, he created beautiful woodworking projects and designed and built audio amplifiers for his and others' sound systems.

Al was a Senior Life Member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, a predecessor to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He graduated from Saint John's Cathedral High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended Marquette University College of Engineering for two years but had to discontinue attendance in 1925 due to lack of funds. He continued his education through technical reading and through experimenting.

This scholarship was established by one of Al's nephews, Fred Stich, and endorsed by family members and others who were inspired to pursue engineering or technical careers because of his example.

Al Hauck was a man of faith, generosity and humility, and an inspiration to all around him by using his gifts for good.



Amy O. Hemming Scholarship

Amy Hemming did not take the traditional route through college. Her scholarship fund helps support those students who may face similar circumstances.

"This scholarship is based upon my own background. I attended Winona State Teachers College working full-time and attending school part-time on weekends and at night. When I had enough credits, my teachers saw to it that I could go to school full-time and work part-time," Amy explained. "I want

to be able to help someone who is working on their education and shouldn't be stopped by not having the monetary resources."

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Minimum GPA 3.50
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated helpful, caring attitude through school, extra-curricular, and community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior or equivalent thereof or non-traditional student
- Pursuing a degree in engineering
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Merit and financial will be given equal weighting
- Preference will be given to a student pursuing electrical engineering as a career and attending Marquette University College of Engineering

Deadline: February 24

- Continuing college student who will be completing at least one year of higher learning
- Resident of south Wood County
- Pursuing a degree in any field of study
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated integrity, strong work ethic, and a passion for learning
- Consideration given to student who may be facing financial constraints in continuing his/her education

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in a business-related field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at Mid-State Technical College
- Demonstrated academic promise

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Involved in the Nekoosa High School Baseball Program for a minimum of two years as a player, manager, or aid
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an institution of your choice
- Demonstrated integrity, positive attitude, and strong work ethic

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise and service to school or community
- Participated in school sponsored athletic program or extra-curricular activities
- Upholds principles of integrity and ethics; exemplifies qualities and attitudes which are a silent influence on others for good
- Consideration may be given to financial need

Deadline: February 24



Marian Hill Business Career Scholarship

Marian Hill taught commercial studies at Lincoln High School in the late 1920s and early 1930s. She was a homemaker and active in her church and the PEO women's organization in Wisconsin Rapids. She enjoyed reading and taking part in her children's activities.

Mrs. Hill was born in 1900 and earned her degree at what is now the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She was raised in Fall River where she played basketball while in high school. She met her future husband at the Sugar Bowl Restaurant in downtown Wisconsin Rapids.

"I remember her most of all as just being a loving Mom," says her son, Ken Hill, and recalling memories of playing football with her.

This scholarship was established in memory of Mrs. Hill by her children, Ken Hill of Wisconsin Rapids, and the late H. Frank Hill.



George Holland Family Baseball Scholarship

George Holland graduated from UW-River Falls in 1958. The Hollands came to Nekoosa where George taught biology and driver education until his retirement in 1990. Marlene was employed at Nekoosa Medical Center until her retirement in 1991.

George coached baseball from 1959 to 1983.

Nekoosa High School was the first Wisconsin team to win three consecutive state championships in 1980, 1981, and 1982. Nekoosa won 64 consecutive baseball games which is a state record and was fourth on the all-time national win list. George is a member of the Wisconsin High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, UW-River Falls Hall of Fame, Central Wisconsin Baseball Hall of Fame, and Nekoosa Wall of Fame. He was selected by his coaching peers as Wisconsin High School Baseball Coach of the Year in 1977, 1981, and 1982.

The Hollands hope this scholarship will help some worthy student to achieve his or her goals in life.

Leo Huber Scholarship

Leo Huber was a successful businessman in Nekoosa where he owned a grocery store for many years. He always had a passion for Nekoosa and its residents, and was particularly interested in education and academics, and serving the schools and community.

Upon his death, a bequest through Mr. Huber's will established this scholarship to assist with the higher education of Nekoosa High School graduates.



Nekoosa High School



Frank and Illa Ironside Scholarship

Frank Ironside owned and operated Ironside Motors in Wisconsin Rapids, which he founded in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and married Illa Cutler in 1939 in Wisconsin Rapids. He died in 1995 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Ironside taught primary grades for 37 years throughout the county, retiring from Biron Elementary School in 1976. "The primary grades are so important to children," she said. "They provide the foundation for future learning." Mrs.

Ironside was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Retired Educators Association. She enjoyed reading, poetry, and counted cross-stitch needlework. She passed away in April 2005.

Mr. Ironside enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. He was a lifetime charter member of the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, member of the Wisconsin Conservation Club, Wisconsin Tree Farm, Consolidated Tree Farm Family, National Rifle Association, and Ducks Unlimited.

This scholarship was originally established as a memorial to Frank by his wife, family and friends.

- Graduating senior of Assumption or Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in primary education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise and passion for teaching field through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24



Richard "Dick" Kane Memorial Scholarship

Richard Kane was a principal electrical engineer at Blue Chip Engineering in Plover, at the time of his sudden death on May 24, 2006. Previously, Dick completed a 25-year career in the corporate engineering department at Consolidated Papers, Inc. He was instrumental in the early application of programmable logic controllers into the Consolidated control systems and was well known for his strong technical skills and knowledge of DC and AC drive systems.

Dick also worked at Commonwealth Edison, Wisconsin Power & Light, Q-Comp, Inc., and Rapids Control Systems. Dick was an active member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Industry Applications Society, Pulp and Paper Industry Committee, and Drives and Controls Committee. He participated in papers as an author and panel participant.

Dick graduated from Assumption High School and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. This scholarship was established by his wife, Jill, and children, John, Paul, and Laura.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical, mechanical or civil engineering
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Consideration may be given to financial need

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Minimum GPA 2.85
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic ability, strong work ethic, and service to community

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior or prior year graduate
- Active member of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Wisconsin Rapids
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe your educational experience and your plans for the future.**

Deadline: June 1 and January 1

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in pre-medicine
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university

Deadline: February 24



Terry Kane Scholarship

Terry Kane was a kindergarten teacher at Humke Elementary School for 31 years. She passed away in 1997.

She will always be remembered by her students and friends. This scholarship was established by Carole Dorn, Mitzi Feutz, Mary Rebhan, and Cammy Wipperfurth to honor Terry's memory.

Mary Elizabeth Kellogg Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Mary Elizabeth by her mother, Jessica Wilson. Mary died of polio on August 30, 1955, at the age of 12.

David A. Kempfert Memorial Scholarship

David A. Kempfert was a lifelong resident of Wisconsin Rapids. Throughout his career, he worked in the manufactured home business. In 1974, he became sales manager for Terrace Homes in Adams-Friendship. In 1992, he was hired by Wisconsin Homes in Marshfield and worked as their general manager until his retirement. He was instrumental in the organization of the Wisconsin Modular Homes Association, where he worked with local and state government in developing standards of construction for manufactured homes.

David liked hunting, fishing and sharing his Packer tickets. He enjoyed travel with his family and friends and looked forward to spending time with his granddaughter, Azure.

This scholarship was established by David's son, Troy, and daughter, Jodi Kempfert-Jones.



Kinsey Family Scholarship

In memory of Karen Kinsey

This scholarship was initiated by Karen Kinsey in 1984. At that point she was a stay at home mom, community volunteer and a sports enthusiast. She was a very modest individual who had lived in Wisconsin Rapids all her life. She was privileged with good fortune due the success of the community. It was her desire to give back to the community that had given her so much. She decided to invest in

Wisconsin Rapids and the youth of this community by creating a scholarship fund. She had a strong attraction to individuals that were good people and as she always said "A diamond in the rough just waiting to be discovered". This scholarship is made possible by the Kinsey family with Karen's wishes in mind.



Kiss-Hartman Scholarship

Louis Kiss was one of 10 children in his family. He was born in Hungary in 1896 to peasant parents and came to America in 1921 after having learned the tailoring and pattern-making trades and serving in World War I for Hungary. In 1925, he married his wife Cunegunda, known to most as "Gundy".

They lived briefly in New Jersey, New York and Chicago before arriving in Wisconsin Rapids in 1925 to work in the Latin Clothing Factory. He became a U.S. citizen in 1926, also the year of his daughter Margaret's birth. Kiss began his own custom tailoring business in Wisconsin Rapids, later specializing in leather and fur. He died in 1986 at the age of 90. "Gundy" Kiss died in 1981.

The scholarship fund was established by Margaret Kiss-Hartman in honor of her parents.



Carl C. and Anna Knudsen Scholarship

Carl Knudsen and his wife, Anna, established this scholarship for Lincoln High School students through their last will and testament in 1972. Born in Thisted, Denmark on April 14, 1883, Knudsen came to the United States in 1904. He became a U.S. citizen in 1910 while living in Iowa. He married Anna Nielsen in Chicago on April 2, 1913.

Mr. Knudsen came to Wisconsin Rapids in 1912 and for several years, he worked as a foreman for Rued Manufacturing Co., and later operated the Knudsen-Hill Dredge Co. He owned and operated Knudsen's Service Station on First Avenue South from 1923 until his retirement in 1939. In 1936, he assisted in establishing the Wisconsin Furniture Co.

He ran for and won election to the city council in 1936 and the mayor's office in 1948 and 1950, and became the city's first full-time mayor in 1952.

"My father loved the south Wood County area and wanted to provide the opportunity for young people to pursue academic goals. He and my mother would be pleased to know that this award has helped so many children thus far and will continue on a permanent legacy to the Knudsen name," says his son, Carl Knudsen of Mauston.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- GPA of 3.00 - 3.50
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated integrity
- Financial need may be a consideration
- Preference may be given to a student who has not received other scholarship awards
- Multi-year award for up to four years based upon academic performance

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing a career in the skilled trades. Examples would include but not be limited to: welding, automotive technology, pipefitting, instrumentation, etc.
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Strong personal character
- Multi-semester award for up to four years based upon academic performance
- **GOAL ESSAY: Describe your educational and life goals.**
- **EXPERIENCE ESSAY: Share a personal experience that truly influenced you and describe how it made an impact on you.**
- **LEADERSHIP ESSAY: Describe an incident in which your leadership style helped a group or an individual achieve a goal.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior living in the Port Edwards School District or graduating senior of John Edwards High School
- Pursuing a degree in one of the following areas: English, Communication Arts, Journalism, English Education, or Fine Arts
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated involvement in school and community; passion for career through work, school, and community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Minimum GPA 3.25
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated leadership
- Financial need is not a consideration

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Financial need given consideration

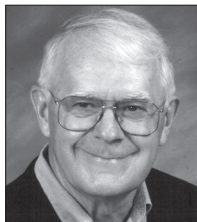
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- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated commitment to academics and involvement in school activities

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- Demonstrated commitment to academics and involvement in school activities

Deadline: February 24



Donald J. Krohn Family Scholarship

Don Krohn, a gifted writer and photographer, valued education. His work in public relations, the newspaper industry, and working with the media, gave him an appreciation for communication and the arts.

Don was a proud lifelong resident of south Wood County. A tireless volunteer, Don believed in giving back to his community. Whether as a volunteer firefighter, Chamber of Commerce member, coordinating art exhibits at the Alexander House, or sharing a craft

of tree farming, Don found a way to draw others into service as well. He was an original member of the group now known as Incourage Community Foundation, and believed it was important to leave the world a better place for others.

Following his death in 2012, his family established this scholarship to support those with a gift for turning a phrase, a penchant for creative arts, and a commitment to community service.



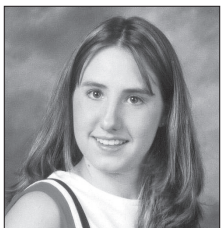
Thomas A. Lenk Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Lenk was superintendent of Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools from 1975 until his death in 1985 at the age of 47.

"Tom was an excellent administrator and everything he did was for the good of the child," says his wife, Carla. "He felt strongly the child was why everyone else in the school system existed."

During his tenure, the new Lincoln High School was built, the old Mid-State Technical College building was razed, and former LHS was renovated and became East Junior High School.

The scholarship was established by his family as a memorial to his involvement in education and love for children.



LHS Cheer & Stunt/Amber Rahn Scholarship

Amber Rahn was a Lincoln High School sophomore and member of the Cheer and Stunt Team when she died in an automobile accident November 29, 2000, at the age of 15. She was a passenger in a car and on her way to school when the accident occurred.

"Amber was a leader and a role model who was compassionate and passionate about everything," says her mother. She was a member of the wrestling cheerleaders and spent many hours each week rehearsing routines that were performed at matches and competitions.

This scholarship was established in 2001 by Amber's family and the LHS Cheer and Stunt Booster Club as a memorial to Amber.

Lincoln High School Achievement Award

The scholarship was established to benefit graduating seniors of Lincoln High.



Lincoln High School Alumni Award

The scholarship was established by alumni of Lincoln High School to benefit graduating seniors of LHS.



Lincoln High School Class of 1956 Scholarship



This scholarship was established by alumni of the Class of 1956 as a tribute to the quality education received at Lincoln High School. The scholarship also honors the importance of education and higher learning. It is available to students who have had perfect attendance throughout their high school years.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Must have perfect attendance for grades 9-12
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college

Deadline: February 24

Marshfield Clinic Health Care Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Marshfield Clinic Wisconsin Rapids Center. Marshfield Clinic opened the Wisconsin Rapids Center on August 4, 2003. The Center is located in the Woodlands Business Center.



- Graduating senior from a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing education in any healthcare field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated helping, caring attitude and passion towards working in the health care related field through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24



Mel Massa Memorial Scholarship

Mel Massa was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. He proudly served his country for 26 years in the Marines and Army National Guard. He moved to the Wisconsin Rapids area in 1996 and quickly became an active member of his adopted community. He was involved in many community activities and was one of the founding community leaders in the Downtown City Centre Committee and Labor Day Celebrations.

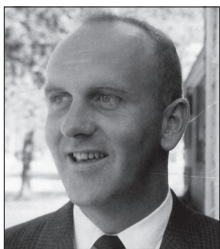
Mel was an active union member of the National Association of Letter Carriers for 30 years.

He believed strongly in working to better your community, your workplace, and your country. Mel was always teaching, whether it was his fellow union members, his young medics in the military, or children of friends.

Education and learning were important to Mel. He used every moment and opportunity in life to learn and grow. This fund was established in memory of Mel by his wife, Sallie.

- Graduating senior or non-traditional student who is a graduate of a high school in south Wood County or Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Nebraska
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe why organized labor is important in American history.**

Deadline: February 24



Lee McCarville Memorial Scholarship

Lee McCarville, originally from Lancaster, Wisconsin, was one of eleven children. He moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1953 as an employee of Thorp Finance. Lee was working at Consolidated Papers, Inc. Consoweld Division when he died on December 1, 1979, at the age of 46.

Lee was a tremendous athlete excelling in football, swimming, baseball, and golf. He also managed Tri-City Golf Course from 1969 until the time of his death. During those same years, Lee oversaw the City Golf Tournament which was a huge success. Combining his love of people (especially children) and golf, Lee helped many people, of all capabilities, learn and improve at the game of golf. He found ways for the less fortunate to be able to play. He always enjoyed golfing with family and friends. He was a mentor to many during his lifetime. Proceeds from a memorial golf outing held at The Ridges each year supports the scholarship fund and the youth of the south Wood County area.

Lee was a devoted husband to Pat and a loving father to his sons, Brad and Dan. This scholarship is a great way to perpetuate his giving. A bronze plaque dedicated to him by his friends after his death simply states, "He gave so much and asked so little".

When Lee died in 1979, Dan was a freshman at Assumption High School. On several occasions, when it was time to pay tuition, the school would inform the family that an anonymous donor had already paid it. The McCarville family believes that this scholarship is a great way to say thank you to the anonymous person and "pay it forward".

- Graduating senior of Assumption, Lincoln, Nekoosa, Pittsville, or John Edwards High School
- Primary consideration will be given to a student who has been involved in the sport of golf - recreationally, participating on a golf team, or as an employee of a golf course
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Consideration may be given to financial need
- **ESSAY: Describe how golf has allowed you to positively influence someone's life OR how the game of golf has positively impacted your life.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior who attended Mead Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids for a minimum of three years
- Minimum GPA 2.75
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe how attending Mead Elementary School made a positive difference in your education.**

Deadline: February 24

- Resident of Adams, Portage or Wood County
- Pursuing a degree as a veterinarian or veterinary technician
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance as a full-time or part-time student in an accredited veterinary program
- Demonstrated a genuine love for animals through extra-curricular activities, work experience, or other community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at Mid-State Technical College or UW-Whitewater. Preference may be given to a student attending MSTC.
- Demonstrated academic ability

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in Nekoosa, Port Edwards, or Wisconsin Rapids
- Pursuing a career in any healthcare related field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated integrity, strong work ethic, and a passion for learning

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Minimum GPA 2.85
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic ability, strong work ethic, service to community

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Medically certified with the condition of dyslexia
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe living with dyslexia.**

Deadline: February 24

Mead Elementary School PTC Scholarship

The Mead Elementary School PTC Scholarship was established in 2007 by the PTC to benefit graduating seniors that attended Mead Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids for a minimum of three years.

Helen Mead Veterinary Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Helen Mead to benefit a student pursuing secondary education in the veterinarian medical field. Helen Mead has always had a strong love for animals and a concern for their health and welfare. She is a strong supporter of the Wisconsin Rapids Area Zoo and the South Wood County Humane Society.

Meils Family Scholarship

Ben Meils established a scholarship to support seniors graduating from Lincoln High School. Ben and his family own the Quality Inn in Wisconsin Rapids. Scholarships will provide support for a student attending Mid-State Technical College or UW-Whitewater. Ben has four daughters who attended Lincoln High School and were awarded scholarships to help finance their college education.

Mid-Towne Dental Associates Community Education Scholarship

Mid-Towne Dental Associates SC created these scholarships to assist and support students in entering the healthcare field. Mid-Towne Dental has offices in Wisconsin Rapids, the Town of Rome, and Adams-Friendship, and supports students in the area.



Monika Moody Memorial Scholarship

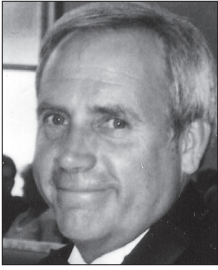
This scholarship was established in memory of Monika Moody by Mary Rebhan to benefit graduating seniors from Nekoosa High School who are pursuing higher education. Miss Rebhan was Monika's second grade teacher at Humke Elementary School. Monika would have graduated from Nekoosa High School in 2005, the year the scholarship was established.



Ruth and Ray Moody Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Ruth Moody in memory of her husband, Ray, to support scholarships for students who have been medically certified with the condition of dyslexia. According to Ruth, dyslexia is a term that has been loosely applied to reading disabilities. "The brain does not understand what the eyes see," says Ruth. "People with dyslexia see things differently from the rest of us, but we don't know what they are seeing."

Through this scholarship, the family hopes to help people diagnosed with dyslexia and teach others about the disability.



Dave Murgatroyd Memorial Scholarship

Dave "Murgy" Murgatroyd was a lifelong resident of Wisconsin Rapids. With his parents, John and Auril Murgatroyd, he designed, built and maintained The Ridges Golf Course. Dave was truly a caring man who touched the lives of all he knew. He believed in a strong work ethic. He was a devoted husband and father to his wife, Gloria, and daughters, Ann, Crystal and Mary Ann, as well as to his extended family and friends.

Dave was also highly respected by his golf industry colleagues and was active in the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association. He served as Secretary/Treasurer for the WGCSA and was recognized in the golf industry as a seasoned veteran. His willingness to lend a helping hand was extended to his peers as well.

Dave's life ended tragically in 1999 as a result of an auto accident. Family and friends established this scholarship in honor of Dave's memory and to continue his dedication to others.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln or Assumption High School
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise; service to school and community
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities such as sports, volunteer organizations and activities
- Involvement in golf as well as financial need may be considered

Deadline: February 24



Andrew Neitzel "Freak Flag" Scholarship

Andrew Neitzel loved music, poetry and performing arts. He also painted and worked with clay. He lived his life as an individual and was always willing to help other people of his age in any way he could. He was a friend to everybody and everybody was somebody to him, regardless of any faults they might have had.

Andrew started his band at age 14 and had written 17 songs that the group performed at local establishments. The writing and performing of these songs was accomplished before he and his band members turned 18 years old.

Andrew's poetry is featured in Lincoln High School's 2007 and 2008 editions of Bloodstone. His songs and poetry championed the human spirit, addressed life's ups and downs, and encouraged people to "love what is unique to you". His poem "Freak Flag" says it all. "Do the best you can and you get what you give and be kind to one another." All pretty insightful for such a young man.

Andrew lost his life in a tragic auto accident on May 3, 2008, at the age of 18. He would be very happy to know that a memorial scholarship will help other young people reach their goals in the world of fine arts, and enable them to fly their own Freak Flag.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in the performing, visual, or written arts field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at a college, university, technical college, or arts institution
- Preference may be given to a student pursuing performing or visual arts
- Strong consideration given to a student who has demonstrated spirit of a caring and helping attitude
- GPA is not a consideration
- Demonstrated passion for the arts through school involvement and extracurricular activities as expressed through essay

Deadline: February 24

Nekoosa Academy Post Secondary Initiative Award

This scholarship was established by an anonymous donor to support scholarships for graduating seniors from Nekoosa Academy who are pursuing higher education.



- Graduating senior of Nekoosa Academy
- Pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited college, university, or technical college

Deadline: May 1

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise; passion for teaching career through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing a career in the field of natural resources with an emphasis in, but not limited to, wildlife management; primary consideration will be given to a student who exhibits/shares the same passion for and knowledge of the field of natural resources and the environment that Ned C. Norton did during his lifetime
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated passion for career choice through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Non-traditional student or continuing college student who will be entering junior year of college in fall semester
- Resident of south Wood County
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in teaching
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for enrollment of a minimum of six credits per semester at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated integrity, strong work ethic, and a passion for the teaching field

Deadline: February 24



Gladys R. Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Gladys Nelson was an educator all her life, both in the classroom and to her five children. She was also active in the Moravian Church.

Mrs. Nelson was a graduate of Lincoln High School and the Wisconsin Teachers College in Stevens Point. She taught in Necedah and wrote textbooks in Texas before returning to Wisconsin Rapids to raise her family.

She was a first grade teacher at Mead School from 1963 until 1986. She died in 1987.

"My mother loved to teach. She said when the students entered her classroom the first day of school they were kindergartners and when they left at the end of the school year they were big first graders," says her son, Michael Nelson.

Innovations in her classroom often included a teepee or carpeted bathtub where students could go for quiet time. She encouraged her students to listen to music through headphones and invited community people into her classroom to read to the students.

The fund, established by her children, provides assistance to a student pursuing a degree in education.



Ned C. Norton Memorial Scholarship

Ned Norton was a biologist and wildlife manager, serving as vice president for Northland Cranberries, Inc. until the time of his death in 1993 at the age of 43.

He worked for the Department of Natural Resources for many years and was well known in the field of wildlife management. He was superintendent of the Sand Hill Wildlife Area in Necedah and was instrumental in setting up the study skills center that continues today.

"Throughout his personal and professional life, Ned valued his family and nature. He would be pleased that a legacy of this type is being passed on," says his wife Patricia.

This fund was established by his wife, Patricia, and children, Elizabeth and Charles.

Duane and Valerie Nygaard Scholarship

In memory of Olaf and Ella M. Olson

Olaf Olson attended college in Milwaukee during the early 1900s. He later returned to his home in Waupaca County where he and Ella farmed and raised their family.

Olaf never lost his interest in education. He served on the board of the local school district where he and Ella were active participants in promoting education.



T.P. Olson Engineering Scholarship

Theodore Power Olson was born in Wisconsin Rapids in 1934, and graduated from UW-Madison School of Engineering in 1956. He was a mechanical engineer and the third-generation owner of Nekoosa Corporation, a manufacturing business started in Nekoosa by his grandfather. He took tremendous pride in building the business and earned his reputation as being an honest and fair employer. At the time of his death in 2003, he was CEO of Nekoosa Corporation and vice president of DuBay Cranberry Co.

Ted was active in many business and social organizations during his lifetime, including foundry and papermaking associations, Nekoosa-Port Edwards State Bank, City Point Cranberries, Ltd., City Point Hunting Lodge, and Up River Gun Club. Over the years, he flew small aircraft and enjoyed bird hunting, tennis, biking, downhill skiing, black jack, and trap shooting.

Ted is missed enormously by those who knew him well and is remembered for his extraordinary command of the English language, his sharp wit and well-rounded sense of humor, his instigation of many practical jokes, his delight in magic from a young age, and a firm handshake that could bring you to your knees. But perhaps above all, "T.P." will always be remembered for his generosity, his great love of people, and the twinkle in his blue eyes.

The award was created by Ted's family from gifts made in memory of T.P. Olson.



Roy E. Peterson, Jr. and Vickie (Peterson) Melville Memorial Scholarship

Roy E. Peterson, Jr. was born in Oshkosh in 1929 and grew up in Clintonville. He served his country in both World War II and the Korean War. Roy graduated from Wartburg

College, Waverly, Iowa in 1953 with a degree in education. He was a teacher and coach at Newel High School, Newel, Iowa from 1953-1957. Roy served as principal at Urbandale High School, Urbandale, Iowa from 1957-1967. In 1965, Roy received his Master's Degree in Education from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Roy moved to Wisconsin Rapids, serving as assistant principal at Lincoln High School from 1967-1991.

Roy was known as a strict, but caring person who had strong values when it came to his expectations of his students. His passion was education - he was very proud of Lincoln High School and the community of Wisconsin Rapids.

Vickie (Peterson) Melville was the loving daughter of Roy. She passed away in July 2009 from complications of diabetes. Vickie was the strong-willed loving wife of Dan Melville and the mother of three sons - Jason, Jeremy, and Matthew. She especially enjoyed watching her sons play sports and loved building forts with her grandson, Cohen. She was employed by Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools at the time of her death.

This scholarship was established by the family to honor their lives and create a lasting legacy.

- Resident of south Wood County
- Second-year or higher college student
- Pursuing an engineering career
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year U.S. college or university
- Preference may be given to an engineering student at UW-Madison

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in education
- Involved in Lincoln High School athletic programs for minimum of three years
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated passion for teaching career through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Non-traditional student who has been out of school for a period of time
- Resident of south Wood County
- Pursuing a teaching degree
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated service to their community
- **ESSAY: Describe what motivated you to return to school.**

Deadline: February 24

- Current graduating high school senior or non-traditional student
- Resident of south Wood County
- Pursuing higher education in the Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician or Automotive Technician programs
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited technical college
- Demonstrated passion for the diesel or auto mechanics field through school and work activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated strong desire for learning; service to school and community

Deadline: February 24

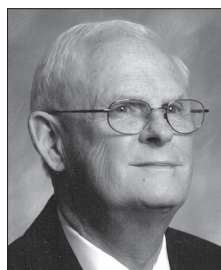


Margaret Polansky Memorial Scholarship

Margaret Polansky was a kindergarten teacher for 37 years before she retired in 1992. Margaret graduated from Miss Wood's School in Minneapolis, a kindergarten-primary education training school of Macalester College. She taught in Lodi before she returned to school and earned baccalaureate and master's degrees in education from the UW-Stevens Point. Margaret spent most of her teaching career in the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher.

Margaret had an infectious smile and gift for putting others at ease. Her love of children and passion to make a difference in their lives was shown every day while working with her students. After her retirement, Margaret enjoyed traveling with her husband and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed volunteering and finding ways to continue to help children learn and grow.

This scholarship was established in memory of Margaret by her husband and children so others with a passion for helping children learn can continue their education and pursue a career in education.



Richard Polansky Memorial Scholarship

Richard Polansky started working at his father's service station in sixth grade which developed his passion for working on engines and fixing things. During his lifetime, Richard was many things; a husband, father, grandfather, mechanic, business man, and community leader, but his true passion was always working on engines.

Richard was a down to earth, hard-working man who was never was afraid to get his hands dirty, and was always proud of the grease under his nails. Even when wearing a suit and dress shirt, he would often come home at the end of the day with grease on his shirt sleeves. He simply couldn't look on while one of his mechanics was working on an engine without getting involved and turning a wrench or two.

This scholarship was established in memory of Richard by his children so that others with the passion to work on engines can continue their education and help the world go.

RC Scholarship

The RC Scholarship was established by an anonymous donor for graduating Lincoln High School seniors who are accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college.



Reyes/Ancel Minority Scholarship

This fund was established by Joseph and Guadalupe Ancel to provide opportunities for minority students from south Wood County high schools.

Guadalupe taught English-As-A-Second-Language (ESL) at Mead Elementary School. Joseph retired from the Department of Natural Resources in 2008.

The Reyes/Ancel Minority Scholarship was established in 1998. "We have been in the community for over 20 years, and when I started teaching ESL I noticed that many minority students were not going on to college. We hope this is one of the stepping stones they need," says Guadalupe.

"We want minority students to have the ability to get themselves out of the economic situation they are in and have an opportunity to give something back to their community when they receive their degree," she says.

"All of the students who apply are worthy. We look for that extra special student who really wants to give something back."



Louie and Libby Rosandick Community Leadership Scholarship

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

This scholarship was established in honor of Louie and Libby Rosandick's 50th wedding anniversary by their children and their spouses and grandchildren. Both Louie and Libby have been active in many community service and volunteer organizations including Lions Club, Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance,

Agri-Business Committee, Serra Club, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Home Delivered Meals, Historic Point Basse, Riverview Hospital Auxiliary, Miss Wisconsin Rapids Pageant, United Way, former Wisconsin Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Master Gardeners, Community Progress Initiative, as well as activities in St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Louie and Libby's family want to encourage young people to get involved with their community, as they've seen what a positive impact their parents' involvement has had.



Russell Rottler Memorial Scholarship

Russell (Russ) and his family moved to Nekoosa when he was in second grade. He worked at Domtar formerly known as Nekoosa Papers, Inc. for 38 years as many Nekoosa residents still do. Russ was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #128 F. & A. M. Masonic Lodge and served as secretary for 24 years. He enjoyed learning new things and was an avid reader.

This scholarship was established by his wife, Kathy and children. The awards will support current graduating high school and non-traditional students who are members of the Nekoosa United Church of Christ, where Russ had been a member since arriving in Nekoosa.

- Graduating senior from a high school in south Wood County
- Minority student
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise
- **ESSAY: Describe what part your heritage has played in your upbringing OR How your education will help your ethnic group OR What your heritage means to you.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a public, parochial, or charter high school in Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, or Wisconsin Rapids
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Emphasis on leadership and community volunteerism
- Consideration may be given to financial need
- **ESSAY: Describe how volunteer activities have made an impact on your life.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County or a non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Current member of Nekoosa United Church of Christ
- Minimum GPA of 2.00
- Graduating senior must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college; non-traditional student must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for either full-time or part-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Although scholastic achievement is important, the C student should be considered as strongly as the A or B student
- Consideration should be given to the quiet, deserving student to the same degree as the student involved in numerous extra-curricular activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior or non-traditional student who resides in south Wood County
- Pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for enrollment at Mid-State Technical College

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption High School
- Pursuing a career in the field of music or medicine
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment, with preference given to a student attending an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise; school co-curricular activities; community involvement
- Financial need may be considered

Deadline: March 1

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at a University of Wisconsin system four-year college or university
- Demonstrated strong work ethic; passion for learning, and service to school and community

Deadline: February 24

Rudolph's Little Dears Child Care Center Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Rich and Caroline Casper in 2006 to support students pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.



Bernard and Marlyce Schmick Scholarship

Bernard and Marlyce Schmick are retired from the former Consolidated Papers, Inc., after a combined total of more than 60 years with the company. They are parents of six grown children who attended Assumption High School. They have nine grandchildren.

The scholarship is for a student interested in medicine or music. "What better way to serve mankind than through medicine," says Mrs. Schmick.

Music is Mr. Schmick's avocation. He plays steel guitar and enjoys all kinds of music. They both sing in the choir at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, and Mr. Schmick sings at state and international levels with the Central Wisconsin Master Chorale (formerly Monteverdi Master Chorale).

"We are so pleased to be able to support a deserving student through our scholarship fund," says Mr. Schmick.



Robert and Mildred Schmidt Memorial Scholarship

The Robert and Mildred Schmidt Memorial Scholarship was established by their children, Sharon, David, Robert, Nancy, and Ann, in gratitude for their parents' dedication to education and support of all of their dreams.

Robert and Mildred both grew up on farms in rural communities. Mildred graduated from Nekoosa High

School in 1938. Her dream was to become a teacher. She began Normal School (Teaching College) after high school graduation. However, due to her mother's illness, she returned home to help with the younger children and did not finish her degree.

Robert had little chance to complete his education, as he was involved in working on the farm, and then joined the Army during WWII. However, Robert's desire to complete his education never faded, and he obtained his GED when his youngest child was in seventh grade.

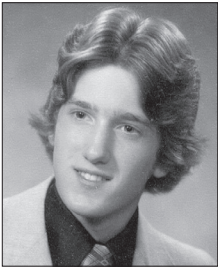
Because of their strong belief in education, Robert and Mildred's dream was that all five of their children pursue higher education and graduate from college. Their dream became reality, as all five children have graduated from the University of Wisconsin system with degrees in a variety of fields.

Robert and Mildred were active throughout their lives in their church and community. Their strong work ethic, love of God and family, was reflected in all that they did.



Elaine Semrow Health Education Scholarship

This scholarship was created to express Elaine's appreciation for the 40 wonderful years working at the Doctors Clinic. "I have seen the great need for the medical profession," says Elaine. "I feel a commitment to help others attain their goal of working in the medical field."



Robert Shaw, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Robert Shaw, Jr. was a senior at Lincoln High School when he died in 1977, at the age of 17, of injuries from a traffic accident. He had planned to attend technical college after graduation. He was a member of the golf team of Lincoln High School and especially enjoyed golfing with his dad.

"Bob was very special to me," says his dad. "He was a level-headed kid and was easy to raise. One of the pleasures of my life was playing golf with him and seeing his game improve."

"He gave us a lot of pleasure in his 17 years," says his mother, Flora Bottensek. "We were all devastated when he died and wanted to set up this scholarship to help other students," Mrs. Bottensek says.

"The Community Foundation hosts a luncheon for the recipients each year and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet the student who receives this scholarship," Mrs. Bottensek says. "I have kept in touch with many of the recipients I have met."



Snyder 4-H Scholarship *In honor of Ed and Shirley Vruwink*

This fund was established in December 2007, in honor of Ed and Shirley Vruwink. They led the Snyder 4-H Club for over 50 years.

The Snyder 4-H Clubhouse is the little white schoolhouse north of Wisconsin Rapids. Snyder's 4-H food stand at the Central Wisconsin State Fair has been a favorite of fairgoers for years. Through this endeavor,

Snyder 4-H has helped hundreds of youth obtain leadership, organizational and real life skills by working in the food stand and also participating in many 4-H projects, events and trips.

In honor of Ed and Shirley, and due to the hard work of hundreds of Snyder 4-Hers and the sale of hundreds of apple pies, Snyder 4-H Club is able to award this scholarship to deserving young adults in Wood County.

Ed passed away August 13, 2008, and Shirley passed away June 24, 2013.

- Graduating senior of Assumption or Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in any medical field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic ability; interest in medical field through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Participated in a high school sport, particularly golf
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior who resides in Wood County
- Currently enrolled in a 4-H Club and must have participated in 4-H for a minimum of one year
- Minimum GPA 2.50
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe an activity where you assumed a leadership role and what you learned.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Pursuing a career in the field of music
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated passion and commitment to the field of music

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating high school senior from the tri-city area defined as Wisconsin Rapids, Port Edwards, and Nekoosa
- Minority student, with preference given to a Hmong student
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic performance
- **ESSAY: Describe what characteristics or skills you possess; what aspirations/visions you have for the future; how your education will assist you in helping your family, community, or other youth.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Youth Rotar with Sunrise Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- NOTE: Youth Rotar with Noon Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids, please contact Student Services for a separate application

Deadline: February 24



Ray Speltz Memorial Music Scholarship

Ray Speltz was a musician and owner of Speltz Music Store in Wisconsin Rapids, and music was an integral part of his life. As a young boy, he played the clarinet and saxophone in the Speltz family band.

Through his years at Lincoln High School, he performed with the band and orchestra. While serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was selected to entertain troops as a member of the military band.

After the war, he attended Conn Vocational School in Indiana and in 1947, he founded the Speltz Music Co. He was innovative in the extensive instrument rental and repair program he established.

This fund was established in 2000 by his daughter, Susan Reichert, as a tribute to her father, who is remembered for his love of family, sense of humor, and interest in golf and woodworking.



John and Judy Steele Minority Scholarship

John and Judy Steele of Wisconsin Rapids established a scholarship fund in their name to help benefit children from the area's Hmong population.

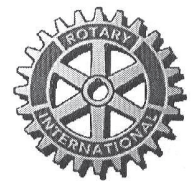
Judy, a former teacher, became involved with the Hmong community through the United Methodist Church when in 1988, many Hmong families settled in Wisconsin Rapids as refugees from communist

oppression in Laos. In 1992, she helped organize the Hmong Association of Wood County, Inc. to provide advocacy and human services to the Hmong community, and liaison services to the entire community. Judy worked at the Hmong Association as a volunteer from its beginning until 2002.

"Education is the primary way to help persons from other cultures become integrated into the American way of life," says Judy. "It is our hope that this award will motivate and assist young minority students to pursue higher education."

Sunrise Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids Scholarship

The first Rotary Club was established on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, by attorney Paul P. Harris. His original idea was to promote fellowship among business acquaintances. Soon the club enhanced the mission by incorporating the statement, "higher purpose of service to others". Rotary has become an international organization with more than one million members around the world.



Scholarships have been established to recognize students that participate in their "Youth Rotar Program" during the current academic year.



Dr. John and Germaine Thompson Good Citizenship Award

Dr. John and Germaine Thompson of Nekoosa established a Good Citizenship Award fund in January of 1999 to promote and recognize young people who exhibit the traits associated with good citizenship.

Dr. Thompson was a physician in Nekoosa for 43 years before retiring in 1994. He grew up in a small town in southern Wisconsin and moved to Nekoosa when

the mayor recruited him in 1957 from his job at Gunderson Clinic in La Crosse. Thompson served in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot during WWII from 1942 to 1945 and was a prisoner of war. He returned to military service during the Korean Conflict.

Dr. Thompson passed away on April 15, 2007. He exemplified what it meant to be a good citizen. His passion for youth and the community was visible throughout the area. Dr. Thompson was a true inspiration to us and will be deeply missed.

He and his wife are the parents of five children: Nancy Kautzer, Dr. John Michael Thompson, Vicki Herzberg, Dr. Julie Dobkin and Rebecca Gabor.



Jesse D. Tillery and Matthew T. Grimm Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created by contributions from local citizens, organizations, and businesses in tribute to Marine Lance Corporal Jesse Tillery and Army Corporal Matthew Grimm. The scholarship was established by Andy Elmhorst, a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, who felt that two young men from our community who lost their lives in Iraq deserved some kind of permanent memorial recognition. He did not know

these young men or their families. According to Andy, he did this because it's the right thing to do. He believes, "This community owes them a debt of gratitude for sacrificing their lives for our freedom."

Jesse Tillery was born on May 18, 1987 in Vesper. After graduating from Lincoln High School, he served with distinction in the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force of Camp Lejeune, NC. Jesse was in his first tour of duty in Iraq when he died at the age of 19 on December 2, 2006, of injuries sustained from enemy action. He embodied the Marine Corp's values of honor, courage, and commitment; and his family and friends are proud of him knowing that he did what he wanted to do – serve the nation and fight for freedom.

Matthew Grimm, born on October 7, 1985, in Wisconsin Rapids, was a 2004 graduate of Lincoln High School. He served in the Army as a M1A1 Armor Crewman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. He was on duty in Mosul, Iraq when he died at the age of 21 on January 15, 2007, as the result of a roadside bomb.

Matthew and Jesse's memory will live on in the hearts of many proud Americans forever.

- Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated service to school and community
- Personal characteristics of leadership, service, creative achievements and integrity
- Financial need and academic achievement are not to be primary determining factors but may be considered
- **ESSAY: Describe your creative achievements and service to your community and school.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated leadership, strong work ethic, and active role in the community
- **ESSAY: Describe what patriotism means to you.**

Deadline: February 24

- Continuing college student who is a resident of Incurage geographic service area
- Will be entering sophomore year of college
- Pursuing a degree in music
- Minimum 3.00 GPA
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated integrity, strong work ethic, and passion for music

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Students in Exceptional Education Needs program are encouraged to apply
- Non-EEN students: minimum GPA 3.25
- Pursuing a career in business, engineering, science, medical, or healthcare field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe your life goals and how you plan to give back to your community someday.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior or former graduate of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in international relations or foreign languages
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university
- Demonstrated passion for career through school, family, or cultural activities
- Consideration will be given to applicant who has participated in a foreign exchange program or family foreign country visit
- **ESSAY: Describe how experiences or interest in international relations or foreign languages has impacted your life.**

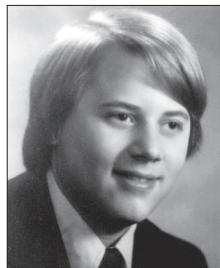
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John Todd Family Music Scholarship

John Todd was always interested in music, from grade school on up through high school, performing with all the various music groups. After high school, he served in the Army in Korea, as a M.P. He attended Northern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. His major instrument was the french horn. He taught music for nearly 40 years, in both the public and private schools.

His family has established this music scholarship in his memory, to help a worthy student attain their goal.



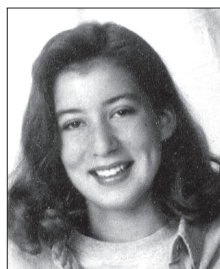
Mitchell G. Tomfohrde Memorial Scholarship

Mitchell Tomfohrde is a great example of a person who overcame adversity and achieved many significant accomplishments throughout his lifetime. Mitchell suffered a stroke at age 11. As a result, his vision was severely affected and he suffered other health issues as well.

Although he was legally blind, Mitchell was a 1980 graduate of Lincoln High School with high honors. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from UW-SP and a Master's Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University.

Mitchell was working as an investment representative for AEGON Investment Company, West Allis, at the time of his death. He was also a gifted writer and his works were published in 40 different magazines and newspapers. He had been writing since the age of 12. He had been the district governor of the Toastmasters South East Wisconsin. He was also a former member of the Vesper Lions Club and an elder in his church. Mitchell also enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

This fund was established by his family and will carry on Mitchell's legacy.



Traci Urban Memorial Scholarship

Traci Urban was pursuing a degree in international relations through the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis before her death in 1996 of kidney cancer. She was diagnosed six months before and died two months before her 20th birthday.

Traci's love of travel took her all over the world and led her to study several languages, including French, German and Spanish. She also made many friends during her travels to foreign countries.

Traci was an avid rower on the UM women's crew team and the Minnesota Rowing Club. She participated in many regattas throughout the United States and Canada and rowed in the Varsity Championship Four at the Head of the Charles in Boston in 1995.

The scholarship was funded with donations and memorials from family, friends and the community. Traci is remembered as being daring, fearless and full of a sense of adventure.

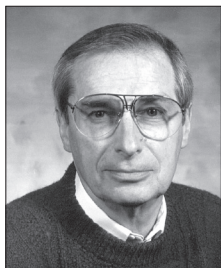
Romeo and Margaret Villeneuve Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family and friends as a tribute to Romeo "Dude" Villeneuve, who passed away on September 20, 2010. It will help to further the education of a deserving student pursuing a career in the medical field or the technical trades.

Romeo was a lifelong resident of Wisconsin Rapids, graduating from Lincoln High School. He married Margaret Musch in 1951. After service in the United States Navy from 1950-1954, they settled on the shores of the Wisconsin River and raised their four children. He was employed by Consolidated Papers for the next 42 years.

During his 80 years on earth, he enjoyed many outdoor hobbies including hunting, boating, camping, and gardening. His love of "all things food" prompted his cooking skills to turn gourmet after retirement. Most of all, his favorite hobby was helping his children with their building and remodeling projects and watching his grandchildren grow up and pursue their chosen fields of study. Two of his grandsons continued the Navy tradition.

"Our dad will always be remembered for his frugal ways and for teaching all of us the art of self-sufficiency including knowing the difference between our needs and our wants."



Ernie Vogler Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family and friends and is intended for students pursuing a career in counseling, psychology, social work, or a similar helping profession.

Ernie Vogler was a guidance counselor for the Wisconsin Rapids schools from 1962-1992. Ernie was known as a very caring counselor and was available to his students at all times.

Voigtman Family Scholarship

The scholarship fund was established in memory of Edward Voigtman by his family. He was a professional engineer and worked in the paper industry for his entire career. He was a long time member and past president of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary Club and the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theater.

An outstanding leader in the community, he was involved in a variety of other activities in the central Wisconsin area as well. Priscilla Voigtman was a teacher in the Wisconsin Rapids School District working at the elementary, junior high, and in Reading Recovery. Their sons, Patrick and Timothy, are graduates of Lincoln High School.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in the medical field or the skilled technical trades
- Minimum GPA of 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Consideration will be given to financial need as well as merit, promise and achievement

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in counseling, psychology, social work or other helping profession
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise; demonstrated passion for career through school, work, or community activities
- **ESSAY: Describe how you plan to make a positive difference in the world through your career.**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption, Lincoln, Nekoosa or John Edwards High School
- GPA of 3.30 – 3.80
- Pursuing a degree in business, education, computer science, or technology
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited Wisconsin four-year public college or university

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Minimum GPA 3.00; preference may be given to student with GPA of 3.00 – 3.50
- Pursuing a bachelor's degree in agriculture. Agricultural majors would include but not be limited to: agricultural business, agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agricultural journalism, agronomy, animal science, conservation, dairy science, earth science, entomology, food science, forest science, genetics (animal or plant), horticulture, landscape architecture, land use planning, meat science, poultry science, plant pathology, soil science, wildlife ecology, veterinary (large animal). Other agricultural-related majors may be considered
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated service to school and community; caring attitude; integrity, and strong work ethic
- Consideration may be given for financial need

Deadline: February 24

- Continuing college student who will be completing at least one year of higher learning
- Prior year graduate of Lincoln High School
- Resident of south Wood County area
- Pursuing a degree in biology or horticultural sciences; primary consideration will be given to a student entering the horticulture science field
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university or technical college
- Financial need may be a consideration

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in computer information systems
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at any University of Wisconsin school; preference given to student attending UW-SP
- Demonstrated interest in career through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24



Edward W. and Shirley J. Vruwink Scholarship

The Edward W. and Shirley J. Vruwink Scholarship was established to support students who are interested in pursuing a degree in agriculture.

Edward was employed at Georgia Pacific Papers, Nekoosa, for 38 years and Shirley was a supervisor for the State of Wisconsin-Unemployment Compensation Job Service in Wisconsin Rapids for 38 years. In addition

to working full-time, they lived and raised their five children on a beef farm. The Vruwink farm helped to instill a strong work ethic, build character and provide many life lessons for their children and grandchildren.

Edward and Shirley dedicated their lives not only to their family, but to their friends and community. They had a strong commitment to their faith, served as general leaders of the Snyder 4-H Club for 50 years and volunteered in many community activities.

They believed strongly in education. All five of their children attended college and their four sons graduated with degrees in agriculture.

This scholarship was created by family and friends as a tribute to Edward and Shirley's zest to live life to its fullest.



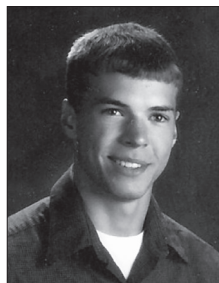
Ryan Weidman Memorial Scholarship

The Ryan Weidman Memorial Scholarship was established by Krista Weidman through donations from family and friends in memory of her husband who passed away from a brain tumor in May 2008 at the age of 35.

Ryan was a 1991 graduate of Lincoln High School. He went on to the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point where he pursued a degree in Plant Biology and Soil Science. An avid gardener, Ryan always enjoyed spending time digging in the

dirt, planting gardens, and landscaping. After marrying and starting a family, Ryan shared this love with his children, Kyra and Sawyer.

This scholarship seeks to assist other young men and women who share a passion for horticulture and biology and wish to pursue a career in those areas.



Luke Weiland Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Charles and Laurie Weiland, in memory of their son, Luke, who passed away in February 2006 at the age of 19.

Luke was a 2004 graduate of LHS who had a natural talent for computer programming. He took many computer-related courses in high school and was selected by faculty of the Computer Science Department to help train other students. Luke was also a member of the Cheer and Stunt team all

three years of high school.

Luke went on to the UW-Stevens Point to major in Computer Information Systems. He was employed by the UW-SP Computer Information Systems Department and assisted other students in computer labs, on the computer help desk, and with residential network issues.

This scholarship fund seeks to assist other young men and women who are as passionate about computer programming as Luke was.



James H. Wenzlaff Scholarship

The James H. Wenzlaff Scholarship has been established as a tribute to his granddaughter, Amy, an exceptional education needs graduate of LHS; to his wife, Nancy Wenzlaff, for her successful career helping students with exceptional education needs, and as an acknowledgement to teachers like her.

Mr. Wenzlaff, a long-time member of the community and more than 45-year employee of the telephone company, believes in the power of education at the post-secondary level for students with unique challenges. Building a positive future for these young adults often requires additional opportunities beyond high school. The scholarship fund will support this need.



Brian Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Brian Wilhelm after his death from an aortic aneurysm in 2004. Brian received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from UW-Madison in 1999. After graduation, he worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber for four years, and most recently was employed by Hutchinson Technology, Inc. in Plymouth, Minnesota.

At a young age, Brian showed an aptitude for working with his hands. He built remote control cars and model planes. As he grew older, he continued to work with his hands, especially woodworking. He was fascinated with how things were made and how things worked. Brian shared his engineering skills by mentoring and coaching middle school science Olympiad students.

He was a loving husband, a devoted son, and a faithful friend who enjoyed the good things in life. All his life, Brian's uniqueness touched so many people. His family, friends, and colleagues established this scholarship to honor Brian's memory.



Herbert Williams Future Educator Scholarship

Herbert Williams was a former principal of John Edwards High School in Port Edwards. He graduated as a technical engineer from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. After working as an engineer, he realized he wanted to be a teacher. He went back to school and received a degree from the UW-La Crosse. Herbert earned his Master's Degree in Chemistry from Illinois Wesleyan.

In 1956, he began teaching general science, chemistry and physics in Neillsville. He taught there for seven years and then relocated to Port Edwards in 1963, and taught science until 1968. At that time, he became John Edwards High School's first full-time principal. He continued to teach chemistry for several years and retired in 1985. Herbert took a great interest in all of the students, but was most pleased when students went into education.

It is hoped that this endowed scholarship will provide dedicated students with the opportunity to continue his legacy in education.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Enrolled in the Exceptional Education Needs Program
- Minimum GPA of 2.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Dual-year award for up to two years based upon continued enrollment

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing an engineering degree
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Passion for learning evident
- Demonstrated interest in career through school, work, or community activities
- **ESSAY: Describe how you will make a positive difference in the world through your education and career**

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of John Edwards High School
- Pursuing a career in education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance at an accredited college or university
- Consideration given to academic achievement, initiative, commitment to learning, demonstrated interest in students and teaching, selflessness with time and energy, and strong personal character

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Assumption, John Edwards, Lincoln, or Nekoosa High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated involvement in community service
- Emphasis on volunteerism, civic engagement, and citizenship
- **ESSAY: Describe how you will serve your community in the future.**

Deadline: February 24

- High school graduate or student who has earned an HSED or GED prior to fall semester
- Must reside within Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, or Port Edwards school districts
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college; preference may be given to a student attending an institution in central Wisconsin
- Demonstrated financial need documented through the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at FAFSA.gov
- Currently experiencing socio-economic barriers to obtaining higher education
- Must agree to participate in mentoring activities as determined by Sunrise Rotary Club such as attending a limited number of local Rotary meetings or activities such as job coaching, job shadowing, career exploration, and/or other opportunities to build educational and career success

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Participated as a player or cheerleader for at least one complete season in the Wisconsin Rapids Youth Tackle or Cheerleading Program
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- **ESSAY: Describe lessons you have learned by participating in youth sports and the impact on your future.**

Deadline: February 24

Wisconsin Rapids Optimist Club Scholarship

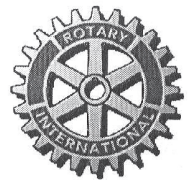
The purposes of the Optimist Club is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world. Working directly with young people, Optimists organize and conduct many types of events and programs for youth.

The Wisconsin Rapids Optimist Club was founded in 1981. The local club is affiliated with Optimist International that has over 3,000 clubs worldwide and more than 117,000 members.



Wisconsin Rapids Sunrise Rotary Scholarship and Mentoring Award

Wisconsin Rapids Sunrise Rotary has established a scholarship opportunity with a mentoring component.



Wisconsin Rapids Youth Tackle Football & Cheerleading Scholarship

Wisconsin Rapids Youth Tackle Football began its program in 1996, and has contributed to a scholarship fund each year since that time. Rapids Raptors football players and cheerleaders learn the basic fundamentals of team sports while still emphasizing academic achievement.

This scholarship is based on the philosophy that academics and athletics go hand-in-hand. The scholarship will reward a young man or woman who learned not only the fundamentals of football and cheerleading in the Wisconsin Rapids program, but also developed into a well-rounded individual and understands the importance of education.

Wisconsin Women's Alliance Scholarship



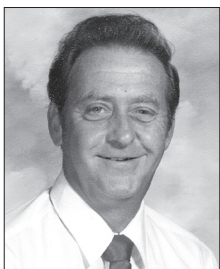
Wisconsin Women's Alliance, formerly known as Wisconsin Rapids Business & Professional Women's Organization, was formed in 1936 to promote the image and development of women as professionals in the Wisconsin Rapids area.

Through the club's fundraising efforts and bequests, a scholarship is provided each year for a graduating female high school student.

Art Wittenberg Scholarship

Art Wittenberg's grandparents came to the Nekoosa area in 1889. Art was born and raised on the land homesteaded by his grandparents – except for a tour of duty in the Marines during World War II – lived and farmed there his entire life. He graduated from Nekoosa's Alexander High School in 1937.

This scholarship was established by Mr. Wittenberg to show his appreciation of his family's long-lasting relationship with a positive, friendly community.



Russ Wolff Memorial Scholarship

Russ Wolff began his teaching career at Lincoln High School immediately after his graduation from UW-Stevens Point. For the next 27 years, he demonstrated his love of teaching and his commitment to the students at LHS.

Although Mr. Wolff held high standards for behavior and academics, he brought laughter and fun into the biology classroom. He was known for playing polka music during labs and telling jokes about anything and everything. He was

always ready with a sympathetic ear.

In Mr. Wolff's classes, students learned more than biology, they learned about his values of family, honesty, integrity, and respect.

This scholarship was funded with donations from Russ Wolff's family, friends, colleagues and students. It is to be granted to a student who has the desire to become a teacher and touch the lives of students.

- Graduating student from a high school in south Wood County
- Minimum GPA 3.00
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in Nekoosa or Port Edwards who is a resident of the Town of Port Edwards; or Non-traditional student who graduated from a high school in Nekoosa or Port Edwards and has been a lifelong resident of the Town of Port Edwards. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years for up to three additional years
- Graduating high school student or past recipient must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited technical college, university, or college; Non-traditional student must be accepted or awaiting acceptance with a minimum of 6 credit hours at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise, strong personal character, and desire to learn
- Primary consideration will be given to a current graduating high school student

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a career in K-12 education
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated academic promise; passion for teaching through school, work, or community activities

Deadline: February 24

- Graduating senior of a high school in south Wood County
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university or technical college
- Demonstrated academic promise and service to community

Deadline: February 24



Earl and Ellen Young Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Assisting students attain a higher education was very important to Earl and Ellen Young.

Ellen was born in Plover on July 30, 1915, but moved to Wisconsin Rapids when she was six years old. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1933. She married Earl F. Young on August 31, 1974, in Nashua, Iowa.

Ellen worked in the sample room at Consolidated Papers Inc. for 43 years retiring in 1977. She was a longtime member of the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, Women of the Moose Lodge No. 1478, Riverside Rebekah Lodge No. 12, and the Kellner Senior Citizens.

Earl passed away in 1994. Ellen passed away in February 2011, at the age of 95. This scholarship was established as a bequest through Ellen's will.

Tips for Scholarship Applicants

Last year, Incourage awarded over 180 scholarships from 110 funds!

Where do I start? Incourage uses an online platform called ScholarSelect. Start by answering a few basic questions to help get matched with a list of all scholarships that you may be eligible for. Review the criteria to see if you meet ALL the requirements for a particular scholarship.

How does the application process work?

- Information entered in Pages 1-14 serves as the base for nearly all scholarships administered by Incourage Community Foundation.
- You are able to save your information and return later to update.

Proofread before you submit your work.

- Follow the directions. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
- Use proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Ask someone to review your application for accuracy and completeness.

Importance of essays:

- A well-written essay can make the difference between receiving an award – or not receiving a scholarship. The best essays give the reader a better picture of you. Tell your story.
- We recommend that you compose your essay in a Word document first, and don't indent your paragraphs. When you paste your essay online, indentations don't transfer well from online into our application, so please enter a blank line between paragraphs.

How many Letters of Recommendation do I need? You need only two Letters of Recommendation regardless of the number of scholarships that you apply for through Incourage.

- Ask someone who knows you well and can write with first-hand knowledge.
- Online, enter contact information in the Letter of Recommendation section as soon as possible to allow the writer sufficient time to compose and submit their letter.

When will I be notified if I have been selected to receive a scholarship? For most scholarship awards: High school students will receive their award letter at their school awards program; Continuing College and Non-traditional students will be notified via U.S. Postal Service near the end of May.

What do I need to do to receive my scholarship award? Your award letter will contain the details of your award and any special conditions.

Need help?

- If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Incourage. We are happy to help you. (Parents with questions: encourage your student to contact us.)
- Email tdassow@incouragecf.org or call Teri at 715-423-3863.

Additional Scholarships Available

For more information on scholarship opportunities, use the contact listed below.

We encourage students to visit their guidance/student services office for applications, assistance, and updates on new scholarship opportunities as they become available.

Leonard & Lillian Bethke Transportation Scholarship

Obtain application online at mstc.edu/about/foundation.htm or, for further information contact Mid-State Technical College Foundation Office at 715-422-5322 or email foundation@mstc.edu.....**April 4**

Karen S. Bingham Memorial Scholarship

Obtain application online at mstc.edu/about/foundation.htm or, for further information contact Mid-State Technical College Foundation Office at 715-422-5322 or email foundation@mstc.edu.....**April 4**

Elks Legacy Awards

For more information visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.....**January 31, noon CST**

Humke Involved Parent Organization (H.I.P.O.) Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Mid-State Technical College Foundation Scholarship

Obtain application online at mstc.edu/about/foundation.htm or, for further information contact Mid-State Technical College Foundation Office at 715-422-5322 or email foundation@mstc.edu.....**April 4**

Russ G. Miltimore Baseball/Softball Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Nekoosa High School Student Council

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Nekoosa Teachers Association Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Rainbow Preschool Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Richard Reeves Memorial Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Riverview Hospital Auxiliary Health Careers Scholarship

For more information contact Riverview Hospital Auxiliary, 715-423-6060.....**April 2**

Riverview Hospital Auxiliary Non-Traditional Scholarship

Contact MSTC Foundation office, 715-422-5322; Riverview Hospital Auxiliary, 715-423-6060, or Nancy Jens, 715-424-2713.....**May 15**

Lee Rogers Memorial Scholarship

For more information contact Bulls Eye Credit Union, 715-424-6401.....**March 21**

Allen Spencer Memorial Scholarship

Obtain application online at mstc.edu/about/foundation.htm or, for further information, contact the Mid-State Technical College Foundation Office at 715-422-5322 or email foundation@mstc.edu.....**April 4**

Water Works and Lighting Commission Scholarship

For more information contact Roxanne Gronski at Water Works and Lighting Commission, 715-423-6300.....**March 3, by noon**

WoodTrust - Bell Foundation Scholarship

For more information contact LHS or AHS guidance office.....**April 7**

Luke Webb Memorial Scholarship

For more information contact Nekoosa High School guidance office, 715-886-8060.....**February 24**

Incourage is a call to action. It's not "encourage" spelled wrong or "courage" spelled long. It's a **promise** we make. **Together as a community,** we will face important issues, and in the process grow stronger. **Incourage** requires the direct involvement of every organization, enterprise and individual. So **join us**—and be a part of the **solution.**

We are **dedicated** to **supporting lifelong learning** in the south Wood County area by investing in teachers, students and schools.

We list scholarships administered by Incourage Community Foundation and those offered by local organizations. This year's bulletin offers more than 100 scholarship listings for graduating seniors, continuing and non-traditional students from Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, Vesper, and Wisconsin Rapids area.

Please share the *2014 Community Scholarship Bulletin* with individuals who are pursuing secondary education. You may also visit our website at incouragecf.org; scholarship application forms and information are available online.

If you would like to help our area's young people who are pursuing secondary education or seeking high school tuition, call Incourage to discuss establishing a new scholarship fund or contributing to an existing one.

*For more information call our office at **715.423.3863** or visit our website at **incouragecf.org**.*

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