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Scholarship funds for higher education
available to students in the south
Wood County area

2015 **SCHOLARSHIP** BULLETIN





Grads and Future Grads Welcome to the 2015 Scholarship Bulletin published by Incurage Community Foundation. Scholarship information and applications are available on our website at incuragecf.org.

Since inception, Incurage has awarded nearly 2,200 scholarships totaling nearly \$1.4 million. Each scholarship is unique. We encourage you to read the stories about why each of these scholarships were created. 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 were 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.

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Scholarships that were established in 2014 are featured. A listing of all scholarship opportunities offered by Incurage follows. You will find full descriptions and eligibility requirements for all scholarships on our website. Included in this publication are Tips for Applicants, Important Dates, and information about Incurage.



Michael and Susan Daly “Badger #7” Scholarship

The Michael and Susan Daly “Badger #7” Scholarship Fund was developed to honor Mike and Sue Daly. They were graduates of Lincoln High School and “lifelong learners” who believed strongly in the importance of education and athletics.

Mike attended Drake University and was a graduate of UW-Madison. Sue attended Miss Woods Teacher College (now part of Macalester College) in St. Paul, MN. Their three children and eight grandchildren have all received a degree in higher education or are currently pursuing one.

College degrees prepared Mike and Sue for successful careers in business and education. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a jet fighter pilot, Mike took over his family’s casualty insurance business. He was a top sales agent for Northwestern Mutual Life for over 40 years. Sue taught kindergarten in Rice Lake and Sheboygan. She also started the Rudolph kindergarten program.

Being a student athlete was important to Mike. He was inducted into the Lincoln High School Hall of Fame for achievements in basketball, baseball, and track. At 5’8”, he played college basketball at UW-Madison, where he wore “#7” on his jersey, while earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Badger Athletics continued to be a passion of Mike’s throughout his life. He was a member of the “W Club” and held Badger football season tickets for over 50 years.

Throughout their 57 years of marriage, Mike and Sue supported the public and private schools in Wisconsin Rapids and UW-Madison in many ways. They would be proud to have their legacy continued through the Michael and Susan Daly “Badger #7” Scholarship Fund.

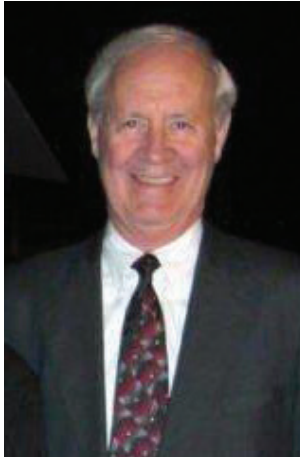
- Graduating senior of Assumption or Lincoln High School
- Actively involved in high school athletics
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at UW-Madison
- Demonstrates involvement in school and community
- ESSAY: Describe how your education and athletics have contributed to who you are today and to your plans for the future.

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Steven H. Peterson Family Memorial Scholarship

Steven Peterson positively affected many lives during his 31 years teaching history at Lincoln High School. While there, he was also a student council advisor and golf coach, which he continued even after his retirement.

Steve's leadership, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to the youth of Lincoln High School are what his family hopes to continue by establishing this scholarship. It is their wish it will commemorate his commitment to teaching and influencing students for years to come.

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Pursuing a degree in Education, History or any Public Service career
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- Strong personal character and work ethic; demonstrates academic promise; passion for career through school, work, or community activities
- Consideration may be given to a student who has been an active student council member or involved in golf
- Financial need may be a consideration
- ESSAY: Describe your attributes or share a personal experience that influenced your career choice.

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Pamela and Ryan Walker Agricultural Scholarship

The Pamela and Ryan Walker Agricultural Scholarship was established to encourage students to pursue a career in agriculture or related fields of study.

Pamela and Ryan Walker own and operate Walker Cranberry Company located in the town of Cranmoor; specializing in the growing and packaging of premium quality cranberries for the fresh fruit market segment. As 5th-Generation growers, sustaining this agricultural entity requires a combination of science, time-honored cultural practices, and dedicated research. Best practices in field and business include collaborations with professionals such as entomologists, soil scientists, plant pathologists, engineers, and others, providing growers with 21st century techniques and farm sustainability options.

“Inasmuch as our children (6th-Generation growers) garnered skill sets to facilitate growth of our business via attending college; it is our hope that others are encouraged to pursue careers significant to the farming industry and continuing the collaborative investment of agriculture.”



- ▣ Graduating senior of Nekoosa High School
- ▣ Minimum GPA 3.00
- ▣ Pursuing a career in Agricultural Sciences including but not limited to: Agronomy, Agribusiness Management, Agriculture Education and Communication, Entomology, Nutritional Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Crop Production Management, Farm Operation, Horticulture, Plant Pathology, or Sustainable Agriculture
- ▣ Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university
- ▣ ESSAY: Describe your attributes or share a personal experience that influenced your career choice.

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American Legion Post 9 Scholarship
Helen L. Arndt Scholarship
Aspirus Doctors Clinic, Inc. Scholarship
Brent J. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship
Edna G. Bach Nursing Scholarship
Tammy Batten Memorial Scholarship
Bell Family Scholarship
Elinor G. Benkowski Memorial Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Billmeyer Memorial Scholarship
John & Karen Bingham Scholarship
Renee J. Bombaci Memorial Scholarship
Bridget Bord Memorial Scholarship
CDA STEM Scholarship
James L. Chaffin Memorial Scholarship
Children's Choice Elementary School Scholarship
Fred Dahm Memorial Scholarship
Michael and Susan Daly "Badger #7" Scholarship
Chuck Davies Scholarship
Kathleen Davis Scholarship, in memory of her father, Gordon Krubsack
Debus Memorial Girl Scout Scholarship, in memory of Dr. Elmer & Frances Debus
Dempze Family Scholarship
Elisa Derickson Fund for Writing Scholarship
Kyle R. Dick Memorial Scholarship
Betty and Bernell Dye Pittsville Memorial Scholarship
Betty and Bernell Dye Tri-City Memorial Scholarship
Elder Health Care Educational Scholarship, Margaret Timm Boles Memorial
Elks Ladies of Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693 Scholarship
Fehrman Family EEN Scholarship
Fehrman Family Scholarship
Georgia Fenner Memorial Scholarship
Lynn and Ruth Feutz Education Scholarship
Marion Fey Nursing Scholarship
Gene "Butch" Forstner Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Robert "Buck" Gill Scholarship
Girl Scouts of Woodland Council Alumni Scholarship
William M. Gleue, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Grand Rapids Fire Department Maynard Keuntjes Memorial Scholarship
Barbara Schmitz Grasser Memorial Scholarship
Gullick/Naze Medical Scholarship
Dr. Charles W. Gurtler Dental Memorial Scholarship

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Sherry Gurtler Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Leonard and LaRayne Guth Family Scholarship
Earl and Vivian Haefs Assumption Medical Field Scholarship
Earl and Vivian Haefs Assumption Medical Field Continuing College Scholarship
John L. and Frances M. Harter Memorial Scholarship
Renny Hartje Scholarship
Aloysius "Al" Hauck Engineering Scholarship
Amy O. Hemming Scholarship
Marian Hill Scholarship
George Holland Family Baseball Scholarship
Leo Huber Scholarship
Frank and Illa Ironside Scholarship
Richard "Dick" Kane Memorial Scholarship
Terry Kane Scholarship
David A. Kempfert Memorial Scholarship
Kinsey Family Scholarship, in memory of Karen Kinsey
Kiss-Hartman Scholarship
Carl C. and Anna Knudsen Scholarship
Donald J. Krohn Family Scholarship
Thomas A. Lenk Memorial Scholarship
Lincoln High School Achievement Award
Lincoln High School Alumni Scholarship
Lincoln High School Class of 1956 Scholarship
Marshfield Clinic Health Care Scholarship
Mel Massa Memorial Scholarship
Lee McCarville Memorial Scholarship
Mead Elementary School PTC Scholarship
Helen Mead Veterinary Scholarship
Meils Family Scholarship
Mid-Towne Dental McGrath Schindlbeck Community Education Scholarship
Monika Moody Memorial Scholarship
Ruth and Ray Moody Family Scholarship
Dave Murgatroyd Memorial Scholarship
Andrew Neitzel "Freak Flag" Scholarship
Gladys R. Nelson Memorial Scholarship
Ned C. Norton Memorial Scholarship
Duane and Valerie Nygaard Scholarship, in memory of Olaf and Ella M. Olson
T.P. Olson Engineering Scholarship
Roy E. Peterson, Jr. and Vickie (Peterson) Melville Memorial Scholarship
Steven H. Peterson Family Memorial Scholarship
Pittsville High School Alumni Scholarship

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Margaret Polansky Memorial Scholarship
Richard Polansky Memorial Scholarship
Amber Rahn Memorial Scholarship
RC Scholarship
Reyes/Ancel Minority Scholarship
Louie and Libby Rosandick Community Leadership Scholarship
Russell Rottler Memorial Scholarship
Rudolph's Little Dears Child Care Center Scholarship
Bernard and Marlyce Schmick Scholarship
Robert and Mildred Schmidt Memorial Scholarship
Elaine Semrow Health Education Scholarship
Robert Shaw, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Snyder 4-H Scholarship, in honor of Ed and Shirley Vruwink
Ray Speltz Memorial Music Scholarship
John and Judy Steele Minority Scholarship
Sunrise Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids Scholarship
Dr. John and Germaine Thompson "Good Citizenship" Award
Jesse D. Tillery & Matthew T. Grimm Memorial Scholarship
John Todd Family Music Scholarship
Mitchell G. Tomfohrde Memorial Scholarship
Traci Urban Memorial Scholarship
Romeo and Margaret Villeneuve Family Scholarship
Ernie Vogler Memorial Scholarship
Voigtman Family Scholarship
Edward W. and Shirley J. Vruwink Scholarship
Pamela and Ryan Walker Agricultural Scholarship
Ryan Weidman Memorial Scholarship
Luke Weiland Memorial Scholarship
James H. Wenzlaff Scholarship
Brian Wilhelm Memorial Scholarship
Herbert Williams Future Education Scholarship
Wisconsin Rapids Optimist Club Scholarship
Wisconsin Rapids Youth Tackle Football & Cheerleading Scholarship
Wisconsin Women's Alliance Scholarship
Art Wittenberg Scholarship
Russ Wolff Memorial Scholarship
Earl & Ellen Young Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Elda Bark Memorial Scholarship
John Akey Memorial Scholarship
Wisconsin Rapids Sunrise Rotary Scholarship and Mentor Award
Mary Elizabeth Kellogg Memorial Scholarship

Wednesday, April 8

Friday, May 15

Friday, May 15

Monday, June 1

Tips for Scholarship Applicants

Where do I start?

It is important to use an email account set up specifically for you. Make it a point to check your email account on a regular basis during scholarship season as we may send messages requiring a timely response.

How does the application process work?

- Incentive uses an online platform called SmarterSelect. Start by answering a few basic questions to get a list of all scholarships that you may be eligible for. Review the criteria. If you meet all the requirements for a particular scholarship, save it to your applications.
- You may wish to concentrate on completing the field specific or those scholarships available only to your high school as there are fewer applicants. Go on to complete ALL applications that you qualify for. You cannot receive a scholarship that you did not apply for.
- You are able to save your information and return later to update.
- Information entered in Pages 1-13 serves as the base for nearly all scholarships administered by Incentive. You will only need to complete this section once!

How many Letters of Recommendation do I need?

You need only two letters of recommendation regardless of number of scholarships that you apply for through Incentive.

- Ask someone who knows you well and can write about your characteristics or activities with first-hand knowledge.
- Online, enter contact information in the Letter of Recommendation section as soon as possible. Doing so early in the process will help ensure your recommenders have sufficient time to complete their recommendation letter. You may need to follow up with your recommender.
- Parents and immediate family members are NOT eligible to write letters of recommendation.
- The first letter of recommendation may be, but does not have to be, from someone who knows you academically. The second letter of recommendation MUST be from someone outside of your normal school day activities. This could include a coach, club advisor, employer, neighbor, or someone you have worked with during on a volunteer activity, etc.

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 merge, so please enter a blank line space between paragraphs.

Tips for Scholarship Applicants continued

Proofread before you submit your work.

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

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.

- Multi-semester awards require some form of documentation like transcripts or proof of enrollment for the next semester.
- Keep a copy of the Recipient Agreement – Make a notation on your calendar – It is your responsibility to provide documentation. Reminder letters will not be sent!

What other scholarships are available?

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

Need help?

- Students: If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Teri at 715-423-3863. We are happy to help you.
- We request that parents with questions encourage your student to contact us.

Important Dates to Remember

Dates and times are subject to change

HIGH SCHOOL

FINANCIAL AID

AWARDS PROGRAM

GRADUATION

Assumption High School

Tuesday, January 20
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26
1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30
10:00 a.m.

John Edwards High School

Thursday, January 22
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31
2:00 p.m.

Lincoln High School

Wednesday, January 21
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31
2:00 p.m.

Nekoosa High School

Tuesday, February 17
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31
2:00 p.m.

Pittsville High School

Tuesday, January 13
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 23
10:00 a.m.

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A Note from Incurage

As we reflect on our 20th anniversary, our permanent commitment to the south Wood County area and its people who live here has only grown. Over the years we've worked with residents to help them realize that every single person matters. And now, with great intentionality, we're connecting all of our resources in furtherance of a new economy and vision of a community that works well for all people.

Over the next decades, two- and four-year and graduate degrees will be important assets for securing strong economic development for our region. Attention to building skills and credentials at all levels of the educational distribution may offer one key to economic success. We thank individuals and businesses for investing through Incurage. Their generosity has made scholarship opportunities possible for young people in this community.

This publication lists scholarships administered by Incurage. Please visit our website at incouragecf.org; scholarship applications and information are available online. This year's bulletin offers more than 100 different scholarships for graduating seniors, continuing education and non-traditional students from Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, Vesper, Wisconsin Rapids area.

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