



# 2019

## SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

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



## Grads and Future Grads,

Welcome to the 2019 Scholarship Bulletin published by Incourage. Scholarship information and applications are available on our website at [incouragecf.org](http://incouragecf.org).

Incourage's scholarship program provides equitable opportunities for all students in our community to reach their full potential. Since inception, Incourage has awarded nearly 3,000 scholarships totaling approximately \$1.9 million. Each scholarship is unique. However, 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, while 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.

# New SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships that were established in 2018 are featured. A listing of all scholarship opportunities offered by Incourage follows. You will find full descriptions and eligibility requirements for all scholarships in the scholarship catalog on our website.



## Double Diamond Leadership Scholarship

This fund was established in 2004 by Mitchell R. Waite while he was working as the Fire Marshal

with the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department. He is the founder and President of the Double Diamond Leadership Authority, LLC, which specializes in leadership training, development, organizational consulting, and executive-level recruitment. He has authored four books on the topic of leadership and is currently working on his fifth which will focus specifically upon desirable leadership attributes. This scholarship supports a graduating high school senior in Wisconsin, with preference given to a student graduating from a south Wood County area public or parochial high school, who is a family member of a fallen firefighter, police officer, or military member. This scholarship will assist family members who are left behind and choose to pursue post high school education.

### Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior in Wisconsin, with preference given to a student graduating from a south Wood County area public or parochial high school
- Family member of a fallen firefighter, police officer, or military member
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.

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## Emily Klopotek Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was established in loving memory of Emily Klopotek by Emily's family, along with many friends and community members who provided support to her family at the time of Emily's passing. Emily loved to dance and the joy she felt when dancing could be seen in her beautiful smile. Emily was always ready to help someone (or some animal) in need and often lifted others up with her puns or genuine words of encouragement. She volunteered her time at the local animal shelter, worked at a therapeutic horse ranch during a church mission trip, and helped organize blood drives at Lincoln High School. Emily planned to pursue a career in health sciences.

Emily worked hard to manage her own mental health challenges which began at age 12. She balanced appointments and the work involved in treatment, while her studies remained a priority. She had been accepted at several colleges at the time of her death and was on track to graduate with honors.

### Criteria:

- Graduating senior at Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full time enrollment at an accredited college, university or technical school
- Demonstrates a passion for performing or fine arts through extracurricular activities or other pursuits
- Demonstrates a spirit of helping others
- Strong consideration may be given to a candidate who has worked to manage mental health challenges either personally or through supporting others
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.

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## Lincoln High School Class of 1947 Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded on behalf of the Lincoln High School Class of 1947 with funds raised from class members. It benefits graduating Lincoln High School seniors who have demonstrated their commitment to academics and involvement in school activities.

### Criteria:

- Graduating senior of Lincoln High School
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Demonstrates commitment to academics and involvement in school activities
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.



## Lincoln High School Class of 1961 Scholarship

This scholarship is being awarded on behalf of the Lincoln High School Class of 1961 with funds raised from their high school reunions. It will benefit a graduating Lincoln High School senior who has demonstrated a commitment to academics and involvement in school and community activities.

### Criteria:

- 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 3.00
- Demonstrates commitment to school and community through volunteer service such as student government, National Honor Society, church activities, Salvation Army, and Habitat for Humanity
- Financial need may be a consideration; preference may be given to a student from a single parent family, foster parent family, or family with multiple students attending college
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.

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## Marcoux Family Memorial Scholarship

The Marcoux family has struggled with addiction and mental health problems. This memorial scholarship honors Tina, Tamika and Trequelle, who, sadly, lost their battles. The family continues working to overcome their hardships and break the cycle. With this memorial scholarship, they

hope to inspire youth with similar difficulties in their lives to take the next step to better themselves.

Trequelle Vann-Marcoux attended River Cities High School, but unfortunately never got the chance to graduate. He loved working with numbers and was naturally good with math and hoped to someday become a CPA.

Tamika Marcoux-Graves graduated from River Cities High School in 2013, at the age of 17. Tamika had struggled with many things throughout her life, including mental illness, teen pregnancy/parenting, drug addiction, and the death of her 4 1/2-month-old daughter on February 25, 2017. She had discovered a passion for caring for people with disabilities and began working in the home health care field. Tamika tragically lost her battle, unexpectedly passing away on August 18, 2017.

Tina Marcoux, was a loving mother of two who cherished living in the moment. She was an upbeat person who enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time with her family and friends. Unfortunately, Tina lost her battle at age 44.

This scholarship supports a graduating high school senior at River Cities High School or Nekoosa Academy who is accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college. Strong consideration may be given to a candidate who has worked to manage mental health challenges either personally or through supporting others.

### Criteria:

- Graduating senior at River Cities High School or Nekoosa Academy
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for full-time enrollment at an accredited college, university, or technical college
- Strong consideration may be given to a candidate who has worked to manage mental health challenges either personally or through supporting others
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice

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## Powering Futures Electric Lineworker Scholarship

Recognizing the need to continue growing the field of qualified lineworkers required to sustain public power in Wisconsin, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) established the “Powering Futures” scholarship fund to support the next generation of electric lineworkers and accomplish the association’s goal of strengthening community-owned utilities.

MEUW exists to strengthen and unify community-owned utilities, and it is increasingly difficult for those utilities to attract qualified workers to the stable, well-paying and local careers available as a public power lineworker.

Electric utility lineworkers are vitally important to their communities because they perform essential services that keep the lights on. Lineworkers maintain and construct electric distribution systems, to ensure the reliability of the electric system. They perform many different tasks, including climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground or digging trenches to string underground electric cable. Lineworkers also respond to outages and emergencies to help restore power in a safe and efficient way.

### Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior, continuing college student, technical college student, or non-traditional college student residing in one of over 80 Wisconsin communities operating an electric utility (visit [MEUW.org/communities](http://MEUW.org/communities) for a list)
- Accepted or awaiting acceptance for enrollment at an accredited technical college
- Pursuing post-secondary education in an Electrical Power Distribution program with aspirations for a career as a Field Service Technician, Groundman, Lineman Apprentice, Electric Meter Technician, Substation Electrician Apprentice or Utility Technician
- Demonstrates integrity, strong work ethic, and a passion for the community through school and work-related activities
- COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.

***All deadlines  
are January 31***

# Scholarship Listing

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John Akey Memorial Scholarship  
American Legion Post 9 Scholarship  
Helen L. Arndt Scholarship  
Brent J. Atkinson Memorial Scholarship  
Elda Bark Memorial 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  
Helen Cartwright Graff Scholarship  
CDA STEM 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  
Dempze Family Scholarship  
Elisa Derickson Fund for Writing Scholarship  
David R. Dolan Scholarship  
Double Diamond Leadership Scholarship  
Betty and Bernell Dye Pittsville Memorial Scholarship  
Betty and Bernell Dye Tri-City Memorial Scholarship  
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  
Dr. Robert "Buck" Gill Scholarship  
William M. Gleue, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
Barbara Schmitz Grasser Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. Charles W. Gurtler Dental Memorial Scholarship  
Sherry Gurtler Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Leonard and LaRayne Guth Family Scholarship

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Earl and Vivian Haefs Assumption Medical Field Scholarship  
Aloysius "Al" Hauck Engineering Scholarship  
Amy O. Hemming Scholarship  
George & Marlene Holland Family Baseball Scholarship  
Leo Huber Scholarship  
Frank and Illa Ironside Scholarship  
Richard "Dick" Kane Memorial Scholarship  
Officer Bill Kautzer Memorial Scholarship  
Mary Elizabeth Kellogg Memorial Scholarship  
David A. Kempfert Memorial Scholarship  
Kinsey Family Scholarship, in memory of Karen Kinsey  
Kiss-Hartman Scholarship  
Emily Klopotek Memorial 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 1947 Scholarship  
Lincoln High School Class of 1961 Scholarship  
Marcouex Family Memorial Scholarship  
Mel Massa Memorial Scholarship  
Lee McCarville Memorial Scholarship  
Helen Mead Veterinary Scholarship  
Mid-Towne Dental McGrath Schindlbeck Education 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  
T.P. Olson Engineering Scholarship  
Steven H. Peterson Family Memorial Scholarship  
Pittsville High School Alumni Scholarship  
Thomas F. and Nancy Z. Plunkett Scholarship,  
in honor of Frances Nairn, former Guidance Director at LHS

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Margaret Polansky Memorial Scholarship  
Richard Polansky Memorial Scholarship  
Powering Futures Electric Lineworker Scholarship  
Amber Rahn Memorial Scholarship  
RC Scholarship  
Reyes/Ancel 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  
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  
Dr. John and Germaine Thompson "Good Citizenship" Award  
Jesse D. Tillery & Matthew T. Grimm Memorial Scholarship  
Mitchell G. Tomfohrde Memorial Scholarship  
Traci Urban Memorial Scholarship  
Ernie Vogler Memorial 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 Sunrise Rotary Scholarship and Mentor Award  
Wisconsin Rapids Youth Tackle Football & Cheerleading Scholarship  
Art Wittenberg Scholarship  
Russ Wolff Memorial Scholarship  
Earl & Ellen Young Memorial Endowment Scholarship

## A Note from Incourage

Since being established in 1994, our permanent commitment to the south Wood County area and its people who live here has only grown. We believe that in order for our community to realize its full potential, every person within it must have the opportunity to realize their own potential.

As we've learned through *Vital Signs*, a report commissioned by Incourage, building skills and credentials at all levels of the educational spectrum is important. Such assets will be needed to build a strong and inclusive local economy and a community that works well for all people.

We thank individuals and businesses for investing through Incourage. Their investments provide scholarship opportunities for young people in this community who are pursuing higher education, helping those same young people realize their own potential.

This publication lists scholarships administered by Incourage. Please visit our website at [incouragecf.org](http://incouragecf.org); scholarship applications and information are available online. This year's bulletin offers more than 180 different scholarships for graduating seniors, college and non-traditional students from Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, Vesper, and the Wisconsin Rapids area.

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