

# MARATHON COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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## **PURPOSE**

The Marathon County Labor Council Scholarship Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, was established in 1998 to promote continuing educational opportunities for children and grandchildren of Marathon County Labor Union members. Scholarships are awarded annually in memory of Rosella Wartner and in honor of Jim Wadinski to high school seniors planning to pursue an advanced education.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org). Click the "Apply Now" / Grants Scholarships button on the top menu bar; then go to the left-side menu and click on "Scholarships"; you can then click on the "Apply Online" button anywhere you see it on the page to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Completed applications must be submitted by **March 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

In addition to answering the questions on the application and providing an essay entitled "The History of the Labor Movement in Wisconsin," completed applications will include:

- A recent transcript of grades
- A listing of extracurricular activities (form to be downloaded from the application)
- And two reference letters

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The following criteria will be used in determining the recipients of scholarship funds:

- Graduating high school senior
- Whose parent or grandparent is a member of a labor union that is in good standing with the Marathon County Labor Council,
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education
- Demonstrating an understanding of the labor movement through a written essay
- Reflecting a record of academic achievement and extracurricular involvement, with an emphasis on leadership; and
- Demonstrating financial need

Preference will be given to students who plan to have a career within the labor movement.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

A representative of the Marathon County Labor Council will make the scholarship presentation at the students' high school senior awards ceremonies. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation following the ceremony informing them on how they can receive their scholarship payment.

## **PAYMENT**

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The student must provide proof of registration directly to the Community Foundation after registering for their first semester for prompt payment to occur.

## **ROSELLA WARTNER**

Rosella Wartner was a veteran unionist who left her mark on the labor movement in the Wausau area. A quiet but active force in Wausau Labor organizations for well over 40 years, she joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2266 after she began working at Marathon Battery in 1943. She was elected financial secretary and held that post for 22 years. She also held continuous and varied positions within the Marathon County Labor Council, and the Marathon County and Seventh District Committees on Political Education. She was very involved in the local Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She was a member of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO Women's Committee, held offices within the Wisconsin River Valley Women's Political Caucus, served as secretary of the Wausau Labor Temple Association and was a member of the Wausau Commission on the Status of Women.



*Rosella Wartner*

Rosella was presented with the first Catherine Conroy Award at the 1990 Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Convention and was the first woman to receive the "Citizen of the Year Award" presented by the Wausau Veterans Labor Day Corporation.

## **JIM WADINSKI**

Jim Wadinski served as a past president of the Marathon County Labor Council and has had a very positive effect on our community. He is affectionately known to many as "Uncle Jim" or Grandpa.

Over the years he has served on the United Way executive board and has been their volunteer of the year. As his sons were growing up, he became the cub master of their Cub Scout troop. While working at James Rivers Corporation, Jim was involved with the safety committee, the fire brigade, served as a first aid attendant, and also was "Santa Claus" for the children's Christmas parties.

Jim demonstrated his leadership abilities as president of his union at work, multiple terms as president of the Marathon County labor Council, serving on the Labor Temple Co-op Association, and serving on the Marathon County Community Services.

Jim's willingness to help others and promote a peaceful environment are attributes that should be commended and used as a model for future generations.

Questions or requests for further information can be directed to the Foundation office:



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