

MACDONALD FOUNDATION WORK ETHIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The Macdonald Foundation Work Ethic Scholarship Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 2015 by Mark and Donna Macdonald, owners of the Wisconsin Woodchucks.

The Macdonalds reflect, “We found, in the raising of our four children, that young adults who work through high school and college are more serious and disciplined students. A job, combined with an education and extracurricular activities, taught our children to be organized and disciplined. They also understood the value of money and the challenge of bringing home a paycheck. The experience of working while in school has made them happier, healthier, and more successful young adults. This is why we have endowed these work ethic scholarships – to encourage students to develop work skills while in school, and to focus on the developing life skills along with a classroom education.”

Earnings from the Macdonald Foundation Work Ethic Scholarship Fund will be distributed annually in the form of a scholarship for students from Marathon County and the Merrill area (Wisconsin). The scholarship is specifically designed to recognize students who have demonstrated a strong work ethic and who plan to attend any four-year college within the University of Wisconsin system.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation’s website at 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 the questions to be completed online, your application must include:

- A listing of extra-curricular activities and employment (form to be uploaded from online application system)
- A transcript of your most recent grades
- Two reference letters including one from an employer and one from a teacher or counselor

ELIGIBILITY:

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Students – both high school graduating seniors and students currently enrolled in college – from the Merrill area or Marathon County, Wisconsin
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education in any field of study, at a four-year campus within the University of Wisconsin system
- Demonstrating a strong work ethic and community involvement

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

The following qualities will be taken into consideration in the selection process:

- A strong work ethic – including demonstration of employment
- Community service and extracurricular involvement
- Financial need and special circumstances will be taken into consideration but will generally not be a deciding factor

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Community Foundation will closely monitor the selection process. Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT:

Where applicable, the recipients will be announced at their senior award ceremonies. If possible, Mark and/or Donna Macdonald will make the presentation at the awards ceremony. A representative of the Community Foundation or the school is willing to make the presentation if the family is not available.

The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony instructing them on how to initiate their scholarship funding.

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the school the student will be attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated.

The recipients are asked to acknowledge the scholarship by addressing a thank you note to the donors through the Community Foundation office or directly to the Macdonald Foundation.

For more information, you can contact the Community Foundation office:

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