

MID WISCONSIN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Mid Wisconsin Foundation Scholarship Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in August of 2013. The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from high schools located in cities where Mid Wisconsin Banks were once located, including: Abbotsford, Colby, Eagle River, Fairchild, Medford, Minocqua, Neillsville, Phillips, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Rib Mountain, and Wausau, Wisconsin. Up to five thousand dollars in scholarships will be awarded in the name of Mid Wisconsin Foundation Fund for up to ten years from the time the fund was established.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at www.cfoncw.com. 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. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

DEADLINE:

Completed applications must be submitted by **March 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Final scholarship award recipients will be chosen and announced at the designated school's award ceremonies.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Students must meet the following selection criteria:

- Must be a graduating high school senior within the communities of Abbotsford, Colby, Eagle River, Fairchild, Medford, Minocqua, Neillsville, Phillips, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Rib Mountain, or Wausau, Wisconsin;
- Applicant must have had a parent employed by Mid Wisconsin Bank or have been an employee of Mid Wisconsin Bank prior to its merger with Nicolet Bank in 2013;
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university, or state operated vocational/technical school.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

In addition to answering the questions on the application, students will be required to provide:

- Extracurricular activities listing (which can be downloaded from the website)
- At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, community leader, or employer

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SELECTION PROCESS

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin 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

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the decision of the committee with the recipient and will pay scholarship funds, in the amount of up to \$1,000 directly to the college, university or technical school the student plans is attending, after the student has provided proof of registration for the second semester and grades for the first semester, reflecting at least a 2.75 GPA to the Community Foundation office. This must be received in the Foundation office by January 15 of the student's first year of post-secondary studies.

FORFEITURE OF AWARD

The recipient will forfeit the right to this scholarship if any of the following are not followed:

- Recipient fails to attend an accredited post-secondary school within one year of receiving notification of the award.
- The student's GPA is below 2.75 in their first semester of study
- If the requested documentation – grades for first semester and proof of registration for second semester – are not received by January 15 of the year following high school graduation.

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



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