

# ELDA BONVINCIN MEMORIAL FUND



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## **BACKGROUND:**

Elda Bonvincin grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin, majoring in foreign languages. She began a career teaching Latin, German, French, and Spanish in Medford, Wisconsin from 1932-44. Rib Mountain and her love of skiing, drew Elda to accept a teaching position in Wausau in 1944. She taught Spanish, German, and Latin classes during her 32 years at Wausau East High School. She also organized a high school ski club and started the high school ski-racing program and served as a coach for 16 years. During that time, her teams won five consecutive state championships.



*Miss Elda Bonvincin*  
June 1, 1912 – March 5, 2006

Miss Bonvincin had been an active community volunteer. As a docent at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, she enjoyed having the opportunity to widen her scope of many different types of art works and having the opportunity to meet interesting visitors to the Museum. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Rib Mountain Ski Club, assisted with the Ski for Youth program, volunteered for the Badger State Winter Games, and was an active member of various community organizations including the YWCA, Women's Club, and AARP.

Her interests included skiing in the winter and traveling in the summer. She enjoyed all sports and participated in water exercise classes. Her passion was the study of foreign languages. It gave her great pride to know that the recipients of this scholarship, awarded in her name, will continue their interest in the study of foreign language.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:**

Elda Bonvincin established this scholarship within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in November of 2000 to promote the teaching and learning of foreign languages. Scholarships are awarded annually to students from Hibbing High School in Hibbing, Minnesota, Medford Area High School, Newman Catholic High School, and Wausau East High School who wish to continue their study of foreign language at the college level.

In addition to scholarship funding, the Elda Bonvincin Fund also makes annual disbursements to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks Department to provide equipment, enhancements, recognition awards for the Ski for Youth program, and to the Friends of Rib Mountain to provide for enhancements at Rib Mountain State Park.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Students interested in applying for the Elda Bonvincin Memorial Scholarship should fill out the general scholarship application form through their school's scholarship application process. Each school's Scholarship Selection Committee will choose the recipient from their school, with input from the foreign language department. It is the Community Foundation's responsibility to monitor the selection process.

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

Students will be chosen for this scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Graduating high school senior from Wausau East High School, Newman Catholic High School, Medford Area Senior High School, and Hibbing High School;
- Who has excelled in a foreign language during high school; and
- Intends to pursue an education in a foreign language at an accredited college or university.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

The recipients will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremonies in the spring. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

Payment of scholarship funds will be made by the Community Foundation directly to the college or university the scholarship recipient is attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. Proof of registration should include the student's class schedule, which must prove the student is taking a foreign language class during that semester.

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



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