

# DEXTER & RUTH CIHLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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## **BACKGROUND:**

Dexter & Ruth Cihla lived in Rhinelander, Wisconsin most of their married life. Dexter owned Cihla & Associates Insurance until his retirement. They raised two children and enjoyed their five grandchildren. Dexter served in the U.S., Army during World War II and retired as a Major in the Army Reserves. Dexter was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, and golf. Ruth enjoyed needlework, golfing, and bridge. They loved splitting their time between Florida in the winters and their cottage outside Rhinelander during the summers. Both attended University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dexter and Ruth appreciated the value of their education and wanted to leave a legacy of scholarships for Rhinelander High School graduating seniors who had good high school grades but needed financial aid to fulfill their dreams.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:**

The purpose of the Dexter & Ruth Cihla Scholarship Fund is to support post-secondary educational opportunities for graduates of Rhinelander High School who plan to attend a four-year college or university.

## **APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:**

To apply for consideration, students must submit a written application to the Scholarship Selection Committee at Rhinelander High School. Application information is available in the guidance office.

## **SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

The Community Foundation will oversee the scholarship selection process. A committee appointed by the Community Foundation, which

may include representation by the Cihla family, will choose the recipients.

Preference for selection of the recipients will be given in the following manner:

- Graduating seniors from Rhinelander High School;
- Who are able and deserving;
- Have maintained a strong GPA during high school;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Plan to attend an accredited 4-year college or university.

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate character, leadership, and service to their school and community.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

If available, a member of the Cihla family will make the presentation of the scholarship award at the schools' senior awards ceremony. If not available, a representative of the high school or the Community Foundation will make the presentation on behalf of Cihla family. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

Scholarship funds will be made in two payments by the Community Foundation, directly to the school the student will be attending upon receipt of proof of registration to an accredited 4-year college or university.

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

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