

# MARK H. DREYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*A component fund of the*



*Mark H. Dreyer*  
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## **PURPOSE:**

The Mark H. Dreyer Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Dreyer within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 1996 to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Wausau East, Wausau West, and Newman Catholic High Schools demonstrating financial need and accepted for enrollment in a University of Wisconsin affiliated institution of higher education.

One student from each school is awarded the scholarship annually. Those students are eligible to renew their scholarships during their undergraduate studies. To qualify for continued funding, the student must remain in good academic standing and provide proof of registration and a transcript of their grades to the Foundation each semester. In addition, they must submit an annual update of their progress each year.

## **BACKGROUND:**

As a tribute to the generosity and vision of Mark Dreyer, we include highlights of his personal and professional life:

- 8/20/22 Born in Wausau, Wisconsin. He resided here until 1942.
- 1928-36 Attended St. Mary's Catholic School on Grand Avenue, in Wausau.
- 1936-40 Attended Central High School and Wausau Senior High School.
- 1940-42 Served in the Ordinance Corps of the U.S. Army both in the U.S. and in the European Theater of Operations.
- 1946-49 Attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics.
- 1949-55 Worked for Investors Diversified Services (a large mutual fund company in Minneapolis) as an investment analyst specializing in petroleum.
- 1956-85 Worked for First Bank System in the capacity of investment analyst, manager of the Investment Research Department, and portfolio manager in the Trust Division. Retired as a Vice President in 1985. He returned to his home-roots in Wausau, dividing his time between Wausau and Fort Myers, Florida (in the winter).
- 7/13/06 Died at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Mr. Dreyer was active in various professional organizations throughout his career. He was a member of the Twin Cities Society of Security Analysts and the Chartered Financial Analysts Society, serving as president of the former organization from 1965-66.

His interests included travel, music, hiking, swimming, gardening, and volunteering. He was active in attending various Elderhostel activities.

He stated, "The primary reason for setting up this scholarship fund was to help make it possible for students to further their education beyond the high school level. I did not have the financial means to extend my education beyond the high school level until the GI Bill of Rights came about as a result of World War II. As I recall, only 10% or less of all high school students went on to college."

Thanks to Mark Dreyer's generous gift in forming this scholarship fund, countless students will be able to improve their lives and the lives of others through education, for years to come.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

Applicants for the Mark H. Dreyer Scholarship may select any field of study. However, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating high school senior from Wausau East, Wausau West, or Newman Catholic High School;
- Have applied for and been accepted into a University of Wisconsin affiliated institution of higher education;
- Demonstrate financial need, which may take into consideration current family income, accumulated assets, family size, and number of family members in school.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

To apply for consideration, students are requested to submit a written application to the Scholarship Selection Committee at their respective high schools. The guidance office can help you with this process.

The Community Foundation has designated the school scholarship selection committees to be responsible for the initial selection of the recipients during their senior year of high school. Selection will include a first alternate at each school to provide for unexpected changes in plans.

Information will be held in the confidence of the Scholarship Selection Committee, the Community Foundation Board, and its staff.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

The recipients will be announced at the senior award ceremonies by a representative of the Community Foundation or the school if a family representative is not available. The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to forward their proof of registration directly to the Community Foundation after registering each semester for prompt payment to occur. This is necessary to initiate the payment process. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university the scholarship recipient is attending.

### **CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Recipients are eligible to renew their scholarships during their undergraduate studies. They are required to provide proof of registration, a transcript of grades, and an annual update of their progress to the Foundation office each semester. Payment is made directly to the college or university the student is attending.

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