

DONALD A. & ARZELEE M.S. DROWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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BACKGROUND:

To describe Don Drown let us look at the words of Teddy Roosevelt:

“Character in the long run is the decisive factor in the life of an individual.”

It is that essence of character that the patient, soft-spoken Drown gave to his teaching profession. With his wit and intellect, he made a meaningful impression on the lives of his students and colleagues.

He taught with his wife, Arzelee, who brought to the classroom the “passion” for learning and life that she sought to instill in her students.

Both genuinely committed themselves to their profession and valued the integrity of the many young people who sat in their classrooms.



Arzelee and Don Drown

Don and Arzelee traveled in England, extensively in Canada, and the United States, always keeping in mind what they could bring back to enrich the lives of their students, whether it be a reminiscence of a conversation with Crow Indian Chief Littelight, or a visit to the British War Museum, or a walk on Hampstead Heath.

Don earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and his Master of Science Degree in History and Social Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Stevens Point.

Arzelee graduated from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English, History, and Library Science, then earned her Master of Arts Degree from the University of Minnesota.

PURPOSE:

The Donald A. and Arzelee M.S. Drown Scholarship Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, was established by Arzelee following Donald’s death in 1996. The fund is designed to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Wausau East High School who have excelled in IB (International Baccalaureate) Social Studies and/or English classes, and want to continue their education at an accredited college or university.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Applicants for the Donald A. and Arzelee M.S. Drown Scholarship must:

- Be a graduating senior from Wausau East High School;
- Who has excelled in accelerated courses in the Social Studies and/or English IB (International Baccalaureate) program; and
- Plans to pursue an education at an accredited college or university.

The Wausau East Scholarship Selection Committee has been authorized by the Community Foundation to be responsible for selection of the recipients, based on the criteria stated above.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply for consideration, students are requested to submit a written application to the Scholarship Selection Committee at Wausau East High School. Contact the guidance office for application deadline.

One student from Wausau East is awarded the Drown Scholarship annually. The recipient is announced at the senior awards ceremony in May.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:

The award will be announced at the senior awards ceremony by a representative of the Community Foundation or a school representative 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 initiate their scholarship funding.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to forward proof of registration directly to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin office after registering for their first semester of college. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the college or university the student will be attending.

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



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