

# JOHN & ELENA DZUBAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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## **BACKGROUND:**

John and Elena Dzubay were long time residents of Wausau, who both began teaching at Wausau Senior High School when it was the only high school in the city. John graduated from River Falls State Teachers College in 1933, the same year his future wife, Elena, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in home economics, from the University of Minnesota. John later received his Master's degree in school administration from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

John and Elena were married in 1935 at St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church in Minneapolis. They made their first home in Amery, Wisconsin where John taught high school science, and Elena provided custom dressmaking services. In 1942, they moved to Wausau where John began a 30 year career teaching science at Wausau East, and serving as the Wahiscan yearbook business advisor. Mr. Dzubay won many National Science Foundation scholarships for summer study in his field.



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While their five children were young, Elena taught evening classes in tailoring at the vocational school. In 1956 she took a position at Wausau East where she taught for 21 years starting in Home Economics, American Problems, and later, Special Education. After her retirement she continued to substitute teach and really enjoyed working with all kinds of students.

John was an honest, forthright, and witty man who was always the "teacher". In earlier years, he worked with children as summer recreation director at Oak Island and taught woodworking at the YMCA. Later, he helped the elderly with their taxes and was a member of Golden K Kiwanis Club. He was a skilled craftsman and custom built the family home in Wausau. John enjoyed singing in the church choir, dancing, and playing harmonica; bowling and skiing; gardening and cooking; playing bridge and Scrabble; and was fond of the cartoon Peanuts. Elena will be remembered for her love of music and dancing; enthusiastic bridge play; fabric arts of all kinds; and the creation of fabulous coffeecakes which she distributed to family, friends, and neighbors.

John passed away on July 14, 2002; and Elena passed away on November 18, 2005. They are both greatly missed by their family and friends.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:**

The John & Elena Dzubay Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by their five children, Dale, Shirley, Sharon, John, and Beverly, to perpetuate the memory of these long-time Wausau East High School teachers, by providing post-secondary educational opportunities for graduating seniors of Wausau East High School who plan to pursue a teaching career in the public schools.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Students interested in applying for this scholarship are asked to complete the general scholarship application form at Wausau East High School. Application information is available through the guidance office or career center. The Community Foundation will monitor the selection process.

## **SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

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

- A graduating student from Wausau East High School;
- Meeting the requirements of the school's general scholarship application;
- Demonstrating financial need;
- Planning to pursue a teaching career in the public schools.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

If available, a member of the Dzubay family will make the presentation of the scholarship at the senior high awards ceremony. If not available, a representative of the Community Foundation or Wausau East will make the presentation on behalf of the Dzubay family. The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to initiate their scholarship funding.

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the school the student will be attending upon receipt of proof of registration to an accredited college or university.

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



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