

ORT ENSTAD KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The Ort Enstad Kiwanis Scholarship Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin on December 5, 2005 by the Kiwanis Club of Wausau to honor this former educator and long-standing Kiwanis member. Earnings from the fund are distributed annually in the form of scholarships for active Key Club members at Wausau East, Wausau West, and D.C. Everest High Schools.

BACKGROUND:

Cheryl Surfus, president of the Wausau Noon Kiwanis Club at the time that the fund was established, stated, "This scholarship fund seemed like the perfect way to honor Ort and his dedicated service to the community and the youth of our area." He had been a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Wausau being recognized for more than 50 years of perfect attendance at the Club. He was instrumental in establishing Key Clubs, an initiative of Kiwanis International, at D.C. Everest, Wausau East, and Wausau West High Schools in the 70s. He is a stellar example of sharing time with one's community. He served on the Marathon County Commission on Aging, the Northern Area Aging Committee's board and advisory council, was state director of the National Retired Teachers Association, and was a member and founder of the Marathon County Retired Teachers Association. He and his wife of nearly 70 years, Sigrid, delivered mobile meals for 20 years.



Ort Enstad

September 27, 1906 - November 5, 2018

Ort taught history at Wausau High School in the mid-1940s. In 1947, he took a position as guidance counselor at Horace Mann Middle School. He retired in 1971, but remained active with volunteer service. Ort celebrated his 100th birthday on September 27, 2006. He lived to be 102 years old, passing away on November 5, 2008.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS:

To apply for consideration, students must meet their school's application guidelines, and follow the school's general scholarship application process. Contact the guidance office for application deadline.

Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Key Club member from Wausau East, Wausau West, or D.C. Everest Schools
- With demonstrated involvement in their community
- Leadership in their school; and
- Must have held a leadership role in the Key Club

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The Wausau East, Wausau West, and D.C. Everest Scholarship Selection Committees have been authorized by the Community Foundation to be responsible for selection of the recipients, based on the criteria stated above.

The Community Foundation will monitor the selection process.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT:

The award will be announced at the senior awards ceremony by a representative of the Kiwanis Club of Wausau, Community Foundation, or a school representative, in that order).

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the selection of the committee with the recipient and will pay scholarship funds directly to the college or university the student plans to attend, after the student has provided proof of registration to the Community Foundation office.

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



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