

KRISTIN NELL GEURINK MEMORIAL MONTESSORI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BACKGROUND:

Kristin Nell Geurink, daughter of Wayne and Judy, savored her life. She especially loved learning about the treasures around her and considered learning a joy.

Kristin enjoyed camping, gardening, running, skateboarding, tree climbing, and Frisbee golf. Her love of travel brought her to explore every state in the continental United States. Her enthusiasm for music prompted her to learn and play the classical guitar.

Kristin had the uncanny ability to draw both children and animals to her with her nurturing ways and love of life. At the time of her death in 1998, she was a teacher at a Montessori School in Wausau, Wisconsin. Kristin knew that this school was special and longed to have this unique educational opportunity available to all children, regardless of means.



Kristin Nell Geurink
April 25, 1975 – June 27, 1998

PURPOSE:

The Kristin Nell Geurink Memorial Montessori Scholarship Fund, a component fund of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, was formed to provide scholarships based on need to young children to attend Montessori Children's Village or Montessori Educational Center. With the close of those facilities in 2011, the scholarship is now available for pre-school aged children attending Mountain View Montessori, in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Through the investment of scholarships to deserving young people in her name, Kristin's legacy of a love of learning and adventure will be honored forever.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

To be considered for this scholarship award, applicants must show evidence that:

- ◆ The child will benefit from a Montessori education at the pre-school level;
- ◆ Demonstrate a strong financial need.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Families are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at www.cfoncw.org. Click on the "Apply Online" button to reach the online application portal and begin the

registration and application process. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

The parent or guardian will be asked to provide the following information:

- ◆ A short essay on *why you desire a Montessori education for your child*;
- ◆ A statement of financial need, including special circumstances that affect your child's need.

The scholarship is potentially renewable for up to three years; however the parent or guardian must reapply each year for the child to be considered for a scholarship.

PAYMENT:

Scholarship funds will be sent by the Community Foundation directly to the school the scholarship recipient is attending. Proof of registration is to be mailed or faxed directly to the Foundation for payment to occur.

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