

GEORGE & LOIS JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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BACKGROUND:

The work of George and Lois Johnson influenced generations of students, youth, and people in our community. George taught in the Wausau school system for nearly 40 years. In his pursuit of academic excellence, he had a profound effect on the lives of his students—some claimed he was the single most important influence affecting their lives. George loved the United States—its history and current events. Being a perfectionist with history and English often prompted him to write a letter to the editor or to the author of a publication with corrections. Lois' career at the YWCA spanned more than 30 years. She came to Wausau in 1938 to work as the Y teen director, and later became the adult program director, a position she held until her retirement in 1980. Lois enjoyed spending time cooking for family and friends. They both loved to travel throughout the United States and Europe, Israel and Egypt. They also enjoyed entertaining at their cabin on Bass Lake.



Lois and George Johnson

This scholarship fund, established in their memory, is a fitting tribute to a couple who dedicated their lives to education and to creating new opportunities for people in our community.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND:

The purpose of the George & Lois Johnson Memorial Fund is to support post-secondary educational opportunities for graduates of Wausau East High School who plan to attend a four-year college or university. The student must demonstrate financial need as well as an interest in the humanities including History, English, or Social Studies.

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.

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

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

- A graduating senior from Wausau East High School;
- Demonstrating an interest in the humanities including History, English, or Social Studies;
- Demonstrating financial need;
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:

If available, a member of the Johnson family will make the presentation of the scholarship award 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 Johnson family. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive 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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