

RICHARD L. KNAUF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



A component fund of the



Richard L. Knauf

January 20, 1947 – September 22, 2007

BACKGROUND

Richard L. Knauf was a lifelong resident within the Marathon School System. In 1973, Richard became the owner and operator of the Marathon School District school buses that transported all the students in the district to the local schools and to extra-curricular activities. He was very passionate in providing the best service possible for all the students. He felt a great responsibility to the safety and well-being of each student. He focused on this daily with all those who drove bus and he made it clear that this was to be the top priority with each person who drove a school bus. Richard did a great job in updating the fleet of buses. When he purchased the original fleet of buses, they were in horrible condition. Through his excellent business skills, he was able to slowly upgrade the entire fleet while providing outstanding care to maintain the whole fleet. He earned a tremendous respect and recognition in the school bus industry as one of the premiere contractors in the state for smaller fleets of buses. He never wanted any attention drawn to him even when he

sold the business in the fall of 2001. At that time, the members of school board wanted to recognize him with a special dinner for the community to be able to say, "thank you." Richard felt that he was just doing what he was contracted to do and he felt he owed the best service that could be provided to meet his obligations to the contracts with the school district.

Richard was active in the Marathon Lions Club. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a graduate of St. Mary's Grade School and Marathon High School. His interests included snowmobiling, hunting and spending time with family and friends at the cabin in Oneida County.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

Richard's widow, Jeanette Knauf-Masanz, established this scholarship fund within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in November of 2010 to carry on the idea of excellence in whatever one chooses to do in either business or engineering. Richard's passion for doing everything well was known by all those who knew him. This idea of excellence will now live on with a scholarship given each year in his name.

Scholarships are awarded annually to a student from Marathon High School who wishes to continue their education at the post-secondary level in the areas of engineering or business.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Students interested in applying for the Richard L. Knauf Memorial Scholarship should fill out the general scholarship application form through the Marathon High School's scholarship application process. The Scholarship Selection Committee will choose the recipient. It is the Community Foundation's responsibility to monitor the selection process.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Students will be chosen for this scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Graduating high school senior from Marathon High School
- Who has maintained a GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Has not received other scholarships; and
- Intends to pursue a post-secondary education in the field of engineering or business

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT

The recipient will be announced at the Marathon High School senior awards ceremony in the spring. Recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

Payment of scholarship funds will be made by the Community Foundation directly to the college or university the scholarship recipient is attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for the payment process to be initiated.

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



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