

LARRY SCHMITZ WAUSAU EAST SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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Larry Schmitz

Larry Schmitz first became involved with youth soccer in 1970 at Madison East High School. In 1981, Larry, along with Ray Kirschoffer and Dick Lepinski, started the Wausau Area Youth Soccer Association. When the Wausau high schools started boys' soccer in 1984, Larry served as the junior varsity coach at Wausau West for four years. In 1988, he became the head coach at Wausau East, which he continued through 1999. After retiring from coaching for several years, he was recruited back to Wausau East to serve as the junior varsity coach from 2009 to 2013.

Larry has always felt that the role of high school sports is to teach kids to become better individuals. He was especially proud of the way high school sports could change a student's life. Often, the players who were most affected by being a member of the soccer team were not the most talented at soccer or even the best students, but the players for whom just being a member of the soccer team was the most meaningful. It is these students that this fund is designed to recognize with the scholarship funding.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Larry Schmitz Wausau East Soccer Scholarship Fund was established by his children in 2014 within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. Earnings from the fund will be distributed annually in the form of a scholarship to graduating seniors from Wausau East High School who have participated on the boys' soccer team.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

To apply for consideration, students are requested to submit the general application to the Scholarship Selection Committee at Wausau East High School and must meet the following criteria:

- Graduating high school senior from the Wausau East High School with a GPA of 3.0 or greater
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education in any field of study
- Participated at least three-years as a member of the Wausau East boys soccer team
- Soccer participation must have included their senior year

SELECTION GUIDELINES

The Wausau East Scholarship Selection Committee will review applicants with the input from the soccer coach and/or the athletic director. As administrators of the fund, the Community Foundation will monitor the selection process.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The following qualities will be taken into consideration in the selection process:

- Student must have participated on the Wausau East boys soccer team for at least three years, including their senior year
- Must have demonstrated leadership as a member of the soccer team
- Be the student for whom being a member of the team was most influential
- If there is no eligible student from the boys' soccer program, the scholarship may be awarded to a participant of the girls' soccer program who meets the other eligibility criteria.

All information will be held in the confidence of the Scholarship Selection Committee, the Community Foundation board of directors, and its staff.

Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

PRESENTATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARD

The Schmitz family will be invited to make the presentation at the Wausau East Senior Award Ceremony. If Larry or Rosemary Schmitz or a representative from the family is not available to make the presentation, the soccer coach or athletic director will be asked to make the presentation. If none of these individuals are available, a representative of the Community Foundation will be asked to make the presentation.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the selection of the committee with the recipient after the senior awards ceremony and will pay scholarship funds directly to the school 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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