

PAUL C. SIMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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BACKGROUND

One of the most wonderful things about living a good life is the impact you have on others, often without even realizing it. That is the story of Paul Simon, who died in April 2008. As a husband, father, farmer, and owner of Carl's Food Land and Liquor store in Merrill, his faith and unquestionable integrity touched countless lives.

Following his death, his wife of sixty years, Lorraine, and daughter Sherry met with their attorney to discuss a way to keep Paul's memory alive in the Merrill community. The attorney suggested working with the Community Foundation to set up a scholarship fund that will award two scholarships in his name. One scholarship is for a student going into business; the other for a student demonstrating financial need.



Paul and Lorraine Simon

"His priorities were his faith and family," Sherry said. "He believed in giving back to the Lord, his family, and his community. "Because of his generosity and zest as a businessman, we established the Timeless Memorial Scholarship to be part of his legacy." Through these scholarships, the quiet impact Paul had on so many will continue.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The purpose of the Paul C. Simon Memorial Scholarship Fund is to provide two scholarships annually to graduating Merrill High School seniors intending to pursue a post secondary technical college or university education based on the criterion listed below.

SCHOLARSHIP #1

- Graduating high school senior from Merrill Senior High School; planning to pursue a Business Degree;
- Displaying potential for success; with a minimum GPA of 3.0 upon high school graduation
- Demonstrating a solid work ethic, with a no-nonsense approach to his/her education
- Is recognized within the school, and the greater community, as an individual possessing integrity;

SCHOLARSHIP #2

- Graduating high school senior from Merrill Senior High School; exhibiting financial need;
- Displaying potential for success; with a minimum GPA of 2.5 upon high school graduation
- Demonstrating a solid work ethic, with a no-nonsense approach to his/her education
- Is recognized within the school, and the greater community, as an individual possessing integrity;

SELECTION PROCESS

The Merrill Senior High School Scholarship Selection Committee has been designated to oversee the selection process which will be closely monitored by the Community Foundation.

To apply for consideration, students are requested to submit the general application to the Scholarship Selection Committee at Merrill High School.

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.

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

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Merrill Senior High School Senior Awards Ceremony.

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the committee's selection with the recipient after the awards ceremony with an explanation of how the scholarship funds can be initiated. Scholarship funds will be paid 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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