

KIMBERLY A. VAN DEN ELZEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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BACKGROUND

To all whose lives she touched, Kimberly Van Den Elzen was a fire of energy, a source of endless optimism, and the essence of encouragement. She was a woman of principles and inexhaustible love and friendship. Kimberly's child-like spirit enriched the lives of everyone she met.

Kimberly was the 1976 Michigan Diving Champion and received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1994 from Harper College in Palatine, Illinois. In 1994, she and her husband, Cliff, moved to Wausau, where she opened a branch office for the company she was employed with. In 1997, with an entrepreneurial spirit, she opened a business of her own. She was the founder and president of a human resource consulting and employee recruitment firm. Always seeking the next challenge, Kimberly planned to pursue a Bachelors degree in Business and Human Resources from the University of Wisconsin. These plans were left unfinished, when Kimberly died of breast cancer on June 19, 1998 at the age of 36.



*Kimberly Van Den Elzen
August 4, 1961–June 19, 1998*

With her untimely death, the Wausau area lost the opportunity to share in the making of a great leader. In the short time Kimberly lived in Wausau, she was actively involved in many local organizations and contributed much of who she was to her community. She was a member of the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce, Good Morning Wausau Committee, Council of Women Business Owners, Downtown Wausau Action Council, Wausau Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient), National and Central Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management, Network Group, Business and Professional Women, Birch Trail Girl Scout volunteer for the Rise and Shine Program and Bon Repas Gourmet Club.

On October 4, 1997, Kimberly co-chaired the First Annual Pumpkin Plod, to raise money for Christmas lights for the downtown area. In her memory, partial proceeds from the events will now be donated toward the Kimberly A. Van Den Elzen Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund, a component of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, is designed to honor her memory and to continue her work in a vital cause she valued deeply.

The Kimberly A. Van Den Elzen Memorial Scholarship Fund is devoted to provide scholarships for individuals seeking a profession in the field of human resources.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

To be considered for the Kimberly A. Van Den Elzen Scholarship award the applicant must:

- ◆ Be a resident of the greater Wausau area;
- ◆ Be a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate;
- ◆ Have been accepted for enrollment in a post-secondary institution;
- ◆ Plan to pursue a career in human resources;
- ◆ Demonstrate a commitment to the community and the welfare of others.

In Kimberly's memory, preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate her positive attitude, sense of community, and a "can do" spirit.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at www.cfoncw.org/grants/scholarships.cfm. 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 **March 1** to be considered by the Selection Committee.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

In addition to answering the application questions, you will be asked to include

- Transcript of grades
- List of extracurricular activities and community service (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The following criteria will be taken into consideration by the Scholarship Selection Committee when determining the recipient of scholarship award:

- Potential for success in chosen field of study (preference given to Human Resources)
- Relative educational achievement
- Sense of community; and commitment to the welfare of others
- Positive attitude and "Can Do" spirit

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT

If available, a member of the Van Den Elzen family or the Community Foundation will make the presentation of the scholarship award at the schools' awards ceremony. If not available, a representative of the school will make the presentation on behalf of the Van Deb Elzen 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.

The student is responsible for submitting proof of registration for both the first and second semesters to the Community Foundation office. Payment will be sent directly to the institution that the scholarship recipient is attending upon receipt of proof of registration.

DONATIONS WELCOME

Tax-deductible donations can be made to this fund at any time and in any amount. Make checks payable to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, with a notation on the memo line for the Kimberly Van Den Elzen Fund.

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


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