



WAUSAU AREA BUILDERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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Purpose of the Fund

The Wausau Area Builders Association Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 1997 to provide scholarships to students in communities served by the Wausau Area Builders Association (WABA).

Eligibility for the WABA Scholarship Given in Honor of Shirley Kruesel

The Wausau Area Builders Association is proud to offer scholarships given annually in honor of Shirley Kruesel, who was the executive officer of the Association from 1990-2012.

Students must meet the following criterion to apply for consideration:

- Graduating senior from a high school located in a community currently served by the WABA including but not necessarily limited to Antigo, D.C. Everest, Marathon, Medford, Merrill, Mosinee, Newman, Northland Lutheran, Stratford, Spencer, Wausau East, Wausau West, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood;
- Who has demonstrated community service and involvement;
- With a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Students planning a career in the shelter industry are especially encouraged to apply.
- Students whose parents and/or grandparents have an association with the WABA are especially encouraged to apply.

Application Process and Deadline

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can register and apply through the Community Foundation's electronic filing system found at:

www.grantinterface.com/cfoncwscholarships/Common/LogOn.aspx

Completed applications must be submitted to the Community Foundation by **March 31** for review and final selection.

Criterion for Selection

Applicants qualifying for consideration, based on the eligibility requirements stated above, will be judged by the selection committee in the following priority levels for scholarship award:

- Level 1 Student planning to go in to the building shelter trade whose parent or grandparent has an affiliation with the WABA, and has demonstrated community service and involvement
- Level 2 Student planning to go into the shelter trade with demonstrated community service and involvement
- Level 3 Student whose parent or grandparent has an affiliation with the WABA, going into any field of study, and has demonstrated community service and involvement

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee, monitored closely by the Community Foundation, will review all eligible applications. The committee's recommendation/s for award will be approved by the Community Foundation's board of directors. Applicant information is kept in the strictest confidence and will not be discussed outside the committee. The Selection Committee will include, but is not limited to:

- Representation from the WABA
- Representation from the Community Foundation

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 selection committee during the year in which the application is considered.

Supporting Students Going into the Building Trade

In addition to the scholarships outlined above, the WABA plans to support students that are going into the building trade. The selection committee will work closely with Residential Building Program staff at Northcentral Technical College in identifying students that merit the award. These scholarships will be awarded to students who have successfully completed the first semester of the program and are enrolled to continue in the second semester.

Number of Scholarships and Dollar Amount

The number and the dollar amount of the scholarship/s awarded will be determined in accordance with the Community Foundation's spending policy. In unusual circumstances, the WABA will provide additional funds for scholarships awarded over and above that determined amount.

Announcement and Payment:

The WABA will designate presenters to award the scholarships at area high school award ceremonies. The Community Foundation will contact each school to arrange for the scholarship presentation. A Community Foundation or school representative is willing to make the presentation if a WABA representative is not available.

The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after their award ceremony instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding. The scholarship must be requested within one year of receipt of that letter.

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the school the student will be attending. The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated.

For more information, you can contact:

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