SHARI K. WIDMARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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BACKGROUND:

Shari Widmark was many things – a daughter, a sister, a wife and a friend. But perhaps most profoundly, Shari was a mother. Her life was her children – sewing homemade costumes, throwing extravagant birthday parties, watching and encouraging her children while playing sports. She had a fiercely competitive nature, and was the self-appointed grammar police. Even after being diagnosed with cancer, Shari refused to let her illness draw her attention from her children, attending games up until the end of her illness. After eight years of battling cancer, Shari passed away. Her family established this fund to honor Shari and her love of sports and competitiveness in December, 2001.

Shari K. Widmark
October 23, 1960 - August 10, 2001

Strength and courage aren't always measured in medals and victories. They are measured in struggles we overcome. The strongest people are not always the people who win, but the people who don't give up when they lose.

Ashley Hodgeson

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

The candidates for the Shari K. Widmark Memorial Scholarship must be:

- A graduating senior from Wausau East High School, who has participated in high school varsity athletics;
- Has demonstrated the characteristics of a team player, with "spunk," (or passion for the game);
- Has been accepted for enrollment in a post-secondary institution of higher education.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- List of excurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters – including one from a varsity coach

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students are encouraged to apply online by visiting the Community Foundation's website at www.cfoncw. Click the "Apply Now" / Grants Scholarships button on the top menu bar; then go to the left-side menu and click on "Scholarships"; you can then click on the "Apply Online" button anywhere you see it on the page to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Completed applications must be submitted by **February 15** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

SELECTION:

A Selection Committee will review applications using the following guidelines:

- Student demonstrates the characteristics of a team player, with "spunk" (or passion for the game), through their essay response;
- Quality of references;
- Record of extra curricular activities, with demonstrated leadership capabilities;
- Academic achievement and financial need will not be deciding factors in the selection process.

The Selection Committee will include, but not be limited to:

- The athletic director, principal, or other administrative representative of Wausau East High School;
- At least one member designated by the Widmark family;
- A representative of the Community Foundation.

No member of the Selection Committee is eligible to apply for assistance from the Fund. 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.

If available, a member of the Widmark family will award the scholarship at the school's senior high awards ceremony. If a family member is not available, the Community Foundation, or a school representative will make the presentation. The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony with instructions on how to receive their scholarship funding.

PAYMENT:

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school the student will be attending, after the student provides proof of registration to the Community Foundation office.

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