

# DENNIS A. DERWINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*A component fund of the*



Dennis A. Derwinski  
*October 18, 1941 to  
September 1, 1997*

## **BACKGROUND:**

Dennis A. Derwinski was born to Anthony and Julia Derwinski in Chicago, Illinois where he lived and attended school. Upon graduation from high school, he enrolled at Marquette University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, followed by a DDS Degree in 1965. He was later certified as a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry.

Upon graduation, he served in the United States Air Force as a Captain for two years. He then settled into private dental practice in Wausau, Wisconsin from 1968 until his death in 1997.

Dennis was a firm believer in giving back to the community that had so richly blessed his family, and through the years, he became active serving in many professional and community organizations. He assumed professional leadership positions including serving as vice chairman (1983-87) and later chairman (1987-90) of the Wausau Hospital Dental Staff. He served on many committees in the dental community and was a member of the Knights of Columbus George Schreier Council #1069. He was the Dental Chairman of the United Way Wausau in 1983.

The education of his seven children was a priority for Dennis. He served as president of the Wausau Montessori School in 1984 and on the Board of Directors of St. Francis Cabrini School from 1978-85, where his children attended.

Dennis was also a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Power Squadron where he taught many classes and was involved in the education of students in basic boating courses.

He will be fondly remembered as one of the original members and chefs of the Festival of Arts banquet, leaving a legacy of tradition and camaraderie for artists from around the country.

Dennis' interests included sailing, skiing, hunting, and fishing; however, his greatest joy was spending time with his family.

The world held challenge and mystery for Dennis. He eagerly sought to learn its marvels with a spirit of adventure that lasted throughout his lifetime. For himself, and his children, he believed in education for the sake of knowledge.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:**

The Dennis A. Derwinski Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 1997. It is a tribute to Dennis' unquenchable thirst for knowledge, offering students of Wausau East High School with a similar passion the opportunity to continue their education beyond high school.

Annually, one student from Wausau East will be awarded the scholarship. The recipient will be announced at the school's awards ceremony in May.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

During their high school career at Wausau East High School, applicants for the Dennis Derwinski Memorial Scholarship must have:

- Demonstrated a strong work ethic;
- Maintained average to above average grades;
- Participated in extra-curricular activities and display community involvement;
- Demonstrated a sincere thirst for learning.

Financial need is not a criterion for selection.

### **APPLICATIONS & ELIGIBILITY:**

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

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

### **SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

The Wausau East High School Selection Committee has been appointed by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin to be responsible for the selection of the recipient.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT:**

Upon selection of the scholarship recipient, Wausau East High School will notify the Community Foundation of their choice. The award will be announced at the senior awards ceremony. The Community Foundation, or a school representative, are willing to make the presentation if a family representative is not available.

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to forward proof of registration directly to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin office after registering for their first semester of college. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the college or university the student will be attending.

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



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