BACKGROUND:
Patricia Hedblom was a lifelong student and teacher of mathematics. She graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1952 and UW-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, history, and psychology in 1956, and Louisiana State University in 1961 with a Master of Arts degree in mathematics. As a student of mathematics, she attended many institutes and summer sessions throughout her career. Pat spent her entire teaching career in the Wausau School District beginning in 1956 at Horace Mann Junior High. In 1962, she moved on to Wausau Senior High where she taught a variety of math courses, eventually concentrating on courses for college-bound students. She was especially proud of having developed a probability/statistics elective course that reflected her love of “pure” mathematics. She chaired the math department from 1967 to 1988, and taught the International Baccalaureate curriculum in math from the program’s inception. She retired in 1989, only to return and teach part-time for another three years. She was especially proud of her students’ excellent achievements in regional and national math contests, and their consistently high scores on IB exams. She also took great satisfaction in running the scholarship program at Wausau East for 25 years.

Pat loved to travel with her best friend, Suzan, and they spent wonderful times in every state in the union except Hawaii and most of the provinces of Canada. She also enjoyed reading newspapers, spending time at their Spider Lake property near Mercer, antiquing, and collecting anything related to Scottish terriers. She is survived by her best friend and housemate, Suzan Miller, their Scottish terrier, Miss Mollie, several cousins, and many loyal former students, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who were a great support during her courageous 25 year battle with cancer.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND:
The Patricia Hedblom Memorial Scholarship Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin shortly after her death on August 17, 2005. The purpose of the fund is to memorialize this lifelong math educator through the annual awarding of scholarships in her name to graduating students from Wausau East High School.

APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:
Students apply for this scholarship through the Wausau East’s general scholarship application process. Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following requirements:
Graduating student from Wausau East High School
Meeting the requirements of the school to apply for scholarships
Accepted for enrollment and planning to attend an accredited college or university

**SELECTION PROCESS:**
The Scholarship Selection Committee of Wausau East has been designated to serve as the selection committee for this scholarship.

**SELECTION GUIDELINES:**
Any of the following qualifications could be taken into consideration by the Scholarship Committee in the selection process:

A student who:
- Has proven to be strong in mathematics
- Is involved in the IB program
- Has an interest in the health care field or psychology
- Is a child or grandchild of one of Pat’s former students
- Is the first person in the family to go on to college (as Pat was)

The Scholarship Committee has the option of offering one scholarship at $500 or two at $250.

The Community Foundation will monitor the selection process.

No immediate family member of the Scholarship Selection Committee shall be eligible to apply.

**PRESENTATION:**
A representative of Wausau East’s math department will be asked to make the presentation at the Wausau East Senior Awards Ceremony. If a representative from the school is not available to make the presentation, a representative of the Community Foundation will make the presentation.

**NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT:**
The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the selection of the committee with the recipient and will pay scholarship funds 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.