

# CHARLES THORPE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE VISUAL ARTS FUND



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## **BACKGROUND**

Chuck Thorpe, a former artist educator at Wausau East High School, originated from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1970, later completing his Masters Degree in Education at UW-Platteville. Chuck's teaching career began in Spring Green, Wisconsin, continuing for 21 years in Platteville. Chuck moved to Wausau in 1991 and concluded his career with the Wausau School District.

As an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, Chuck earned badges in music, acting, art, and sculpture. He was a member of the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps during the 1960's. He was a state high school track champion from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and continued as an athlete for the UW Badger track team. Throughout his high school years, he performed in the school choirs and musicals, continuing as a member of the UW Choral Union at Madison.

A love for art and the natural environment is conveyed in his paintings, interpretations of simple elements through color, texture, and composition. His works are enjoyed in individual collections across the country. The inspiration for his work was developed through his summer days at his family cottage in northern Wisconsin. He spent numerous hours there sailing, water skiing and hiking. Many fall days were spent in the field hunting grouse with his Springer Spaniel dogs and his best friend.

Chuck's love for the arts is shared by his family. His wife, Judy, and daughter, Heather, are music teachers; and his son, Reid is an artist.

Chuck established the Charles Thorpe Scholarship in the Visual Arts Fund within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin prior to his death in 1998. The fund is designed to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Wausau East High School interested in pursuing an education in the Visual Arts or Art Education at UW-Madison.

## **APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates for this scholarship must complete the Wausau East High School general scholarship application. The Wausau East Scholarship Selection Committee has been designated by the Community Foundation to evaluate potential candidates with the input of the Art Department staff, Community Foundation staff, and members of the Thorpe family as necessary. The Community Foundation will closely monitor the selection process.

## SELECTION GUIDELINES

The following selection guidelines will be observed to when choosing the scholarship recipient.

### First Choice:

- ◆ Graduating senior from Wausau East High School;
- ◆ Planning to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- ◆ Majoring in Visual Art or Art Education;
- ◆ Having demonstrated a commitment to art education through participation in the art curriculum at Wausau East; and
- ◆ Has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in high school.

### Second Choice:

- ◆ Graduating senior from Wausau East High School
- ◆ Planning to attend an accredited college or university with a quality visual arts or art education program, as determined by the Selection Committee;
- ◆ Majoring in Visual Art or Art Education;
- ◆ Having demonstrated a commitment to art education through participation in the art curriculum at Wausau East; and
- ◆ Has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in high school.

Priority will be given to graduating high school seniors who qualify, if they exist. If no graduating senior of Wausau East meets the above named qualifications, as determined by the Selection Committee appointed by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, previous recipients may apply for funding who meet the following criterion:

### Third Choice:

- ◆ Previous Charles Thorpe Scholarship recipient who is continuing his/her undergraduate studies in Visual Art or Art Education;
- ◆ Has excelled in his/her university level Visual Art or Art Education studies, and
- ◆ Has maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

## NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The recipient will be named at the Senior Awards Ceremony. The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the selection of the committee with the recipient after the ceremony and instruct them on how to initiate their scholarship payment. Scholarship funds will be paid 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.



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