# **ALAN C. VECCHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



a component fund of the

# BACKGROUND

Alan Vecchio was born on November 10, 1966 in Elgin, Illinois – his family later located to Merrill, Wisconsin. His parents were Tony and Dixie Vecchio and his family included two brothers – Terry and Clayton – and three sisters – Jeanine, Kay, and Karen.

Alan graduated from Merrill High School in 1985. He had won the Junior High School's Good Citizenship Award in 1981 and a certificate for superior achievement at a school art festival in 1985.

Alan died on April 20, 1986, at the age of 19, from complications resulting from Muscular Dystrophy. His father established this scholarship to honor the memory of Alan.

## PURPOSE OF THE FUND

Alan's father, Tony Vecchio of Merrill, Wisconsin, established this fund within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 2013 to provide annual scholarship funding for students of Merrill Senior High Schools who plan to pursue a post-secondary education as stated below.

## **APPLICATION AVAILABILITY AND DEADLINE**

Students are encouraged to visit the guidance office and apply through the high school application process. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

### **SELECTION GUIDELINES**

The High School Scholarship Selection Committee will choose a scholarship recipient/s and submit the recipient's applications to the Community Foundation office for final approval.

Preference for selection of the recipients will be given in the following manner:





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<u>First Choice</u>: Priority is given to a Merrill Senior High School graduating senior who is disabled and wishes to continue their education at a two- or four-year school.

<u>Second Choice</u>: Secondary consideration will be given to a graduating Merrill Senior High School senior who wants to pursue an education to prepare for a career working with people with a disability (e.g. special education, vocational rehabilitation, sign language interpretation, physical therapy, etc.)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT

The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Merrill Senior High school senior high awards ceremony. The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to initiate their scholarship payment.

The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. This is a non-renewable award.

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

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