



## ELDA BONVINCIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

To promote the teaching and learning of foreign languages. Scholarships are awarded annually to students from Wausau East High School, Newman Catholic High School, Medford Area High School, and Hibbing High School in Hibbing, Minnesota, who wish to continue the study of foreign language at the college level.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the general scholarship application form through the school's scholarship application process. Each school's Scholarship Selection Committee will choose the recipient from their school with input from the foreign language department.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating high school senior from Wausau East High School, Newman Catholic High School, Medford Area Senior High School, and Hibbing High School (one recipient may be chosen from each school);
- Who has excelled in a foreign language during high school; and
- Intends to pursue an education in a foreign language at an accredited college or university.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipients will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremonies in the spring. The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation, after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

### PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. Proof of registration must include the student's class schedule, which must prove the student is taking a foreign language class during that semester.

Payment will be made by the Community Foundation directly to the college or university the student is attending.

Elda Bonvincin grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin, majoring in foreign languages. She began a career teaching Latin, German, French, and Spanish in Medford, Wisconsin from 1932-44. Rib Mountain and her love of skiing, drew Elda to accept a teaching position in Wausau in 1944. She taught Spanish, German, and Latin classes during her 32 years at Wausau East High School. She also organized a high school ski club and started the high school ski-racing program and served as a coach for 16 years. During that time, her teams won five consecutive state championships.

Miss Bonvincin had been an active community volunteer. As a docent at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, she enjoyed having the opportunity to widen her scope of many different types of art works and having the opportunity to meet interesting visitors to the Museum. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Rib Mountain Ski Club, assisted with the Ski for Youth program, volunteered for the Badger State Winter Games, and was an active member of various community organizations including the YWCA, Women's Club, and AARP.

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