Family, co-workers, and friends established this memorial scholarship fund in memory of Rick, upon his death in a car accident on May 18, 2001.

Rick filled his life with many activities including hunting, fishing, mountain biking, volleyball, weightlifting, cooking, building houses, and helping friends in any way possible.

At the time of his death, at the age of 36, Rick was a social worker for the Marathon County Department of Social Services. Although the work was often frustrating, Rick thoroughly enjoyed working with juvenile offenders and their families to assist juveniles in getting “back on track.” Through Rick’s work, he came in contact with hundreds of juveniles involved in the court systems. Rick truly felt these young people could turn their lives around with the proper support and guidance of parents and professionals like himself.

Fund Established: in 2001

Richard Weinreis Memorial Scholarship

Purpose
To provide scholarships to deserving students who have had formal court contact through the Marathon County Department of Social Services juvenile intake system in the past seven (7) years, and who plan to better their life through educational training, at any level, that will provide for personal career advancement.

Application Process
Apply online by visiting www.cfoncw.org. Click on “Grants & Scholarships” / “Scholarships” / “Apply Online Now” to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to “Create an Account.” If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Choose the appropriate application from the menu.

Application Deadline: March 31

Your Application Must Include:
- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities and community service (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters – one from a teacher, counselor, or social worker; and another from anyone who can attest to your character as a deserving candidate of this award

Criteria for Selection
- Be a Marathon County resident;
- Have had formal court contact through the Marathon County Department of Social Services juvenile intake system within the past seven (7) years;
- Provide evidence of a plan for education or training that will provide for personal career advancement;
- Provide evidence of support and endorsement by references; and
- Articulated an attitude of change through an essay.

Evidence of other circumstances such as family, financial, or personal challenges which make an applicant more worthy of consideration may also be provided.

Announcement and Payment of the Scholarship
The recipient will be announced at their school’s awards ceremony if applicable.

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after public announcement (if applicable), instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. The Foundation will make payment directly to the educational institution the student is attending.