



**Harry K. Wrench, Jr.**

July 31, 1922 – February 12, 1994

Mr. Wrench's career was highlighted by his sense of honor and commitment, leadership, and service within the communities he resided.

He became president and a member of the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Fuel and Light Company on March 1, 1946, and served as Chairman of the Board from 1982 to 1991. He remained active on the board of directors after 1991.

Mr. Wrench took pride in being a "third generation gas man," echoing the career path of both his father and grandfather. A respected leader in the industry, he served on the board of the Wisconsin Utilities Association for more than 30 years. He also served in leadership roles in many professional organizations. In addition to his involvement in the natural gas industry, he remained active in his community, where he served in leadership roles on numerous boards.

Education was important to Mr. Wrench, whose own was interrupted from 1943 – 1946 when he served for three years in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

In the spirit of leadership and community service that marked his career, the Harry K. Wrench, Jr. Memorial College Scholarship Fund was established to assist in the educational plans of promising youth from the communities served by Wisconsin Fuel and Light.

**Fund Established** by Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company on June 9, 1994

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## HARRY K. WRENCH, JR. MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

To provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors from the Manitowoc and Wausau areas including, but not limited to, the schools listed below utilizing the selection criteria posted. Preference is given to students whose parents were employed by Wisconsin Fuel & Light prior to their closing on April 1, 2000 (these students are eligible to apply in subsequent years.)

Lincoln High School (Manitowoc)	Newman Catholic High School (Wausau)
Roncalli High School (Manitowoc)	D.C. Everest Senior High School (Schofield)
Manitowoc Lutheran High School (Manitowoc)	Marathon High School (Marathon)
Wausau East High School (Wausau)	Mosinee High School (Mosinee)
Wausau West High School (Wausau)	Northland Lutheran High School (Mosinee)

This fund was established to honor, with deep gratitude and respect, the memory of this great Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company leader through the awarding of scholarship funds in his name.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting [www.cfoncw.org](http://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:** February 15

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Student must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Preference is given to students whose parents were employed by Wisconsin Fuel & Light as of April 1, 2000.

Selection criteria in order of importance:

- Exceptional scholastic achievement;
- Potential for success in the student's chosen field;
- Leadership and involvement in the community;
- Diversified interests and a well-rounded personality.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at their high school senior award ceremony.

### PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, 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 college or university the student is attending.

## **WISCONSIN FUEL & LIGHT HISTORY**

Wisconsin Fuel & Light Company was founded in 1902 as the Manitowoc Gas Company to provide street lighting to the City of Manitowoc via gas lamps that were manually lit and extinguished each day. The gas was manufactured from coal, which produced coke as a by-product. This coke was sold as a home heating fuel, much like coal, and hence the name "Fuel and Light."

In 1950 WFL purchased the Wausau Gas Company. Through the years, the communities of Manitowoc and Wausau provided the bulk of the customers and the company grew along with its markets. In the year 2000, it became apparent that the changes in the utility industry had become so profound that continuing as an independent company was not a viable option.

In 2001 Wisconsin Fuel & Light was acquired and merged into Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, a much larger utility headquartered in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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