

## MARATHON COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marathon County Labor Council is made up of local unions from Marathon County.

The purpose of the Council is to promote the principles of the AFL-CIO including:

- Assisting in furthering the appropriate objects and policies of the AFL-CIO, or of organizations affiliated with the AFL-CIO
- Lending assistance to the organizing activities of local unions and their parent national or international unions or organizing committees affiliated with the AFL-CIO
- Providing aid, cooperation, and assistance to affiliated local unions and other affiliated bodies in their common and individual endeavors
- Proposing, supporting, and promoting legislation favorable to, and to oppose legislation detrimental to, workers and organized labor
- Encouraging workers to register and vote; to exercise their rights and responsibilities of citizenship; to perform their rightful part in the political life of the local, state, and national communities; and to support local organizations approved by the Central Labor Council
- Serving as a means of exchanging information among affiliated bodies on matters of common interest
- Engaging in activities that are consistent with the principles set forth in the Constitution of the AFL-CIO and the policies

**Fund Established:** August of 1998

For more information, contact:

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### PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

To promote continuing educational opportunities for children and grandchildren of Marathon County Labor Union members. Scholarships are awarded annually in memory of Rosella Wartner and James Wadinski to high school seniors planning to pursue an advanced education in any field of study, with preference given to students who plan to have a career within the labor movement.

### 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:** March 1

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- An essay on "*The History of the Labor Movement in Wisconsin*"
- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating high school senior
- Whose parent or grandparent is a member of a labor union that is in good standing with the Marathon County Labor Council,
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education
- Demonstrating an understanding of the labor movement through a written essay
- Reflecting a record of academic achievement and extracurricular involvement, with an emphasis on leadership; and
- Demonstrating financial need
- Preference will be given to students who plan to have a career within the labor movement.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremony in the spring.

### 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.

## ROSELLA WARTNER



Rosella Wartner was a veteran unionist who left her mark on the labor movement in the Wausau area. A quiet but active force in Wausau Labor organizations for well over 40 years, she joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2266 after she began working at Marathon Battery in 1943. She was elected financial secretary and held that post for 22 years. She also held continuous and varied positions within the Marathon County Labor Council, and the Marathon County and Seventh District Committees on Political Education. She was very involved in the local Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. She was a member of the Wisconsin AFL-CIO Women's Committee, held offices within the Wisconsin River Valley Women's Political Caucus, served as secretary of the Wausau Labor Temple Association and was a member of the Wausau Commission on the Status of Women.

Rosella was presented with the first Catherine Conroy Award at the 1990 Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Convention and was the first woman to receive the "Citizen of the Year Award" presented by the Wausau Veterans Labor Day Corporation.

## JIM WADINSKI



Jim Wadinski served as a past president of the Marathon County Labor Council and has had a very positive effect on our community. He is affectionately known to many as "Uncle Jim" or Grandpa.

Over the years he has served on the United Way executive board and has been their volunteer of the year. As his sons were growing up, he became the cub master or their Cub Scout troop. While working at James Rivers Corporation, Jim was involved with the safety committee, the fire brigade, served as a first aid attendant, and also was "Santa Claus" for the children's Christmas parties.

Jim demonstrated his leadership abilities as president of his union at work, multiple terms as president of the Marathon County labor Council, serving on the Labor Temple Co-op Association, and serving on the Marathon County Community Services.

Jim's willingness to help others and promote a peaceful environment are attributes that should be commended and used as a model for future generations.