



*Keith and James
Swearingen*

Keith Swearingen and his son, James, were both Mercer High graduates. Both were kind, curious, and quick-witted.

A lifelong antique dealer and historian, Keith, a 1958 Mercer High School graduate, loved finding treasures and telling stories. He was married to his wife, Marlene, for 56 years and had six children.

James, a 1994 Mercer High School graduate, was gentle and unassuming. He enjoyed computers, music, snowboarding, and biking. He attended the University of Minnesota for one semester before his untimely death in 1995.

Both are deeply missed by their family, and by all who loved them. This scholarship fund was established as a tribute to their memory.

Fund Established: April 2019

KEITH & JAMES SWEARINGEN SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

To support first-generation college students from Mercer, Wisconsin

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for consideration, students must complete the general application for scholarships at their high school. The high school selection committee will choose the recipient. Students should contact the guidance office for application materials and the deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

- Mercer High School graduating senior
- First generation in family to attend college
- Planning to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school with the goal of completing an undergraduate degree
- GPA of 3.0 or greater
- With demonstrated financial need

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Students meeting the criterion listed above will be further evaluated on:

- Demonstrated character: curious, bright, and original / creative thinker; (sense of humor is a plus, but optional)
- How they overcame challenges in their life to succeed in high school
- Financial need

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.

For more information, contact:

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