During their lifetime, Raymond and Amella Beilke enjoyed successful careers and a meaningful life in the Marathon, Wisconsin area.

Equipped with ingenuity and a strong work ethic, Raymond embarked on a career as a successful dairy and ginseng farmer.

Following graduation from Marathon High School, Amella went on to earn a bachelors degree and a masters degree in elementary education. She then pursued a 15-year career as an elementary school teacher.

Amella established this scholarship fund within the Community Foundation in February of 2008, but the bulk of the fund was donated through the couple's estate plans.

"Ray and Amella knew the value of education, both for the individual receiving it and the community at large that benefits from an educated workforce," stated their estate attorney, Mark Bradley.

Ray and Amella's generosity and vision for the future of Marathon High School students through this scholarship will change lives for years to come.

Purpose
To provide scholarships for Marathon High School graduating seniors who plan to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university in the fields of engineering, elementary education, nursing, pharmacy, or any other health care profession. This scholarship may be renewable for up to four years.

Application Process
Student must complete the general scholarship application form through the school. The high school's scholarship selection committee will choose the recipient, which will be reviewed and approved by the Community Foundation's board of directors.

Criteria for Selection
- Graduating high school senior from Marathon High School
- Who has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university
- And pursue an education and career in the following fields of study

The Amella P. Beilke Scholarship will be awarded to students who plan to pursue an education in elementary education, nursing, pharmacy, or any other health care profession.

The Raymond A. Beilke Engineering Scholarship will be awarded to students planning to pursue an education in the engineering field.

Announcement
The recipients 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.

Continuation of the Scholarship
This scholarship is renewable for undergraduate studies and is payable for up to four years. Student must remain in good academic standing. An annual update is required and can be sent with proof of enrollment and a transcript of grades annually through the Community Foundation.