



DEXTER & RUTH CIHLA SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

To support post-secondary educational opportunities for graduates of Rhinelander High School who plan to attend a four-year college or university.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for consideration, students must complete the general application for scholarships at their high school. Contact the guidance office for application materials and the deadline.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating senior from Rhinelander High School;
- Who is able and deserving;
- Have maintained a strong GPA during high school;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Plans to attend an accredited 4-year college or university; with preference given to students planning to attend a UW-state college or university.

Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate:

- Character
- Leadership, and
- Service to their school and community

ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipients will be announced at the Rhinelander High School senior awards ceremony in the spring.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The students 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 students plan to attend.

Dexter & Ruth Cihla lived in Rhinelander, Wisconsin most of their married life. They raised two children and enjoyed their five grandchildren.

Dexter served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as a Major in the Army Reserves. Dexter owned Cihla & Associates Insurance until his retirement. He was an avid sportsman – he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golf.

Ruth enjoyed needlework, golfing, and bridge. They loved splitting their time between Florida in the winters and their cottage outside Rhinelander during the summers.

They both attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dexter and Ruth appreciated the value of their education and wanted to leave a legacy of scholarships for Rhinelander High School graduating seniors who had good high school grades but needed financial aid to fulfill their dreams.

The fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin in 2001.

