



DUWAYNE R. KLEINSCHMIDT SCHOLARSHIP

DuWayne Kleinschmidt was born July 24, 1943 and grew up on a small dairy farm in the Town of Scott in Lincoln County, Wisconsin. He spent many hours working with his parents and when he left for college, the dairy cows were replaced with beef cattle. He has maintained a fondness for agriculture and the farm, which he and his two children still own. The farm is now in a forestry program.

He met Diane Lambrecht at the Lincoln County Fair in 1959. It was "love at first sight" and they were married on August 14, 1965. They have two children, Jennifer and Robert, and one grandchild, Kolby. DuWayne was a committed educator. He was a proud member of the Wausau Education Association (serving as president and negotiator in the 70's), Wisconsin Education Association, National Education Association, Wisconsin Mathematics Council, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Association of Curriculum Development, Wisconsin Association of Curriculum Development (serving as president 1995), Wisconsin Retired Educators Association, and Marathon County Retired Educators.

He taught mathematics at Urban Junior High in Sheboygan before moving to Wausau where he taught at the old Horace Mann Junior High, Wausau Senior High, and Wausau West High School. The last 15 years of his career were as the Director of Secondary Education for the Wausau District. He taught courses for the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Eau Claire, and Superior. Upon retirement, he coordinated and taught a master's degree in educational leadership for Cardinal Stritch University. In the mid 80's he was a consultant with IBM in the Writing to Read program. He is particularly proud that during his tenure on the Board of Directors for the Performing Arts Foundation, an educational partnership developed with the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and the program of children's performances developed. DuWayne has a bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point, with a major in mathematics and a minor in physics, a master's degree in Mathematics from Utah State University, and has Ph.D. credits in administration from UW Madison. Upon retirement, DuWayne volunteered extensively in the administration of Habitat for Humanity, serving as president for two years.

PURPOSE

It is with great appreciation for the Wausau School District that DuWayne Kleinschmidt provided this scholarship for students who are graduating from Wausau East and Wausau West High Schools. The scholarship, established in 2018, is designed for students who demonstrate an interest and aptitude in becoming a teacher at the secondary level.

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 seniors from Wausau East and Wausau West High Schools
- In the upper 1/3 of the class
- Planning to pursue an education and career in secondary education / elementary education is an alternate choice if no student is pursuing secondary education
- Planning to attend a University of Wisconsin affiliated college or university
- A responsible student, who demonstrates the qualities and traits of a good educator

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.

