



KYLE R. LONG SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

The fund's primary purpose is to perpetuate the memory of Kyle through the awarding of scholarships that encourage students from the Medford area with special educational needs and learning disabilities to pursue educational training beyond high school in any field of study. If no students apply or qualify meeting the first level of criterion listed below, the Selection Committee will award the scholarship based on the second/or third levels of criteria.

APPLICATION PROCESS

"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: February 15

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters; including one from the primary case advisor (Level 1), teacher, or counselor

The Kyle R. Long Scholarship was established by his father and stepmother, Russell and Sharon Long, within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin shortly after his death in 2004. The fund is designed to award scholarships in his name to graduating seniors with special educational needs and learning disabilities in the Medford area.

Kyle was born on September 1, 1987 and lived in Medford his whole life. Kyle was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church where he participated in the CCD program. He enjoyed downhill skiing, snowmobiling, and water sports. He took part in Special Olympics bowling, track, and basketball. He attended Medford Area Schools and had completed his sophomore year at the time of his death on July 3, 2004.

Russell and Sharon established this fund to honor the special person that Kyle was during his lifetime and to keep his spirit alive within his community through the annual awarding of this scholarship.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

First Selection Level:

- Graduating senior from the Medford area; including Medford, Rib Lake, and Gilman High Schools;
- With special educational needs or a learning disability;
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education in any field of study at any institution of higher education;
- Financial need may be a factor in the selection process.

Second Selection Level:

- Graduating senior from the Medford area;
- Planning to pursue a career working with people with special educational needs or learning disabilities;
- Financial need may be a factor in the selection process.

Third Selection Level:

- A hardworking graduating senior from the Medford area;
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education in any field of study at any institution of higher education;
- Student must demonstrate financial need.

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.

