



Elizabeth S. Peters

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Elizabeth was born and raised in Wausau. She attended Wausau High School and graduated in 1945 as the valedictorian of her class. After high school, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She graduated in 1949 with honors and an accounting degree. After graduation, she returned to Wausau to begin her career and later start a family. She married her husband of 35 years, Henry M. Peters, Jr., on November 4, 1961. They were blessed in 1967 with a daughter, Mollie.

Elizabeth was a local trailblazer for women in the accounting field. After graduating from college, she accepted a position with Wipfli Ullrich accounting firm, where she worked for over 40 years. She became a partner in 1962, being the first woman in the state of Wisconsin to become a partner in a CPA firm. Elizabeth was the first woman appointed to the Accounting Examining Board by Governor Patrick Lucey, which she served on for eight years. Prior to retirement, she was invited to join the UW Business Alumni Board. Elizabeth believed in giving back to her community, serving on many committees and boards. In 1987, she was recognized for her community service and leadership by being presented the prestigious Athena award in Wausau.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoyed golfing and curling. In addition to her accomplishments, she enjoyed traveling throughout Europe and spending quiet weekends at the lake.



ELIZABETH S. PETERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

PURPOSE

To encourage the success of students through the awarding of multi-year scholarships to female high school graduating seniors from the greater Wausau area who plan to pursue an education at a college or university within the University of Wisconsin system and a career in accounting.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting www.cfoncw.org. Click on “Grants & Scholarships” / “Scholarships” / “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.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15

INTERVIEW PROCESS:

Finalists are asked to be available for an interview with the review committee between March 1 and April 15.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

The recipient of this scholarship is eligible to renew the scholarship for up to four years, as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements. This award also offers the possibility of a mentorship with a professional in the accounting field, and a potential internship during their college career.

