



RUSSELL SLIWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

All who knew and loved Russell Sliwicki still greatly miss him and his quick wit. He was a gentle and loving family man, a thoughtful community leader, and a kind and caring friend. This scholarship was established with gifts received from family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and the Easton-Hewitt-Wausau Lions Club, shortly after his death in 2002, to keep his memory alive in our community for present and future generations.

Russell was born on November 18, 1964 in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was a lifetime resident of the Town of Easton and graduated from the D.C. Everest School District. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, he left his earthly life on March 12, 2002.

During his lifetime, Russell's family was most important to him. He grew up in a loving home with his father, Jack, his mother, Bev (who preceded him in death), two sisters, Barb (Russell) Lambrecht and Sue (John) Christensen, and a brother, Tony (Rainie). He was a fun-loving uncle to his nephew, Jack, and four nieces, Jacklyn, Kaylee, Hanna, and Karley. He married his wife, Jenny, on June 30, 2001 at St. Florian's Catholic Church in Hatley. Although their time together was short, he was comforted and encouraged through his illness by her love and support.

Russ was a papermaker at Weyerhaeuser for eight years, and served as vice president of the Papermaker's Union. He was active in the Easton-Hewitt-Wausau Lions Club, having served as president and treasurer of the Club, and as an Eye Bank transporter for many years. He was also active in the Wisconsin Valley Fair and the Market Animal Sale Committee where he served as the weigh-in chairman. He was a former 4-H Club leader and president, as well as a former vice president and president of the FFA. During high school he was a member of the wrestling team and orchestra, and was named to the Who's Who in High School student's listing.

Russell was an avid outdoor enthusiast, with several trophy mounts to his credit. He enjoyed being in the woods, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, camping, hunting, and fishing.

To honor Russ's memory, and the qualities of his life that defined him, the Russell Sliwicki Memorial Scholarship Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin shortly after his death.

PURPOSE

To award scholarships annually in Russell's memory to graduating seniors of D.C. Everest Senior High School who wish to pursue a career in an environmental or agricultural-related field.

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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE February 15

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

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

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating senior from D.C. Everest Senior High School;
- Planning to pursue a post-secondary education in an environmental or agriculturally related field of study;
- Demonstrating a commitment to the above through their coursework, community involvement, and service or club activities.

Evidence of other circumstances such as family, financial, or personal challenges, which make an applicant more worthy of consideration, may also be considered.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at the D.C. Everest Senior 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.

