



THE BLISS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Bliss family established this scholarship for two reasons – 1) because their family understands the importance of a good education and they want to encourage that in the young people in their community; and 2) because Marquette University holds a special place in their hearts as an educational institution.

John Bliss was a lifetime resident of Wausau, Wisconsin. After he honorably served his country in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Wisconsin and attended Marquette University for his undergraduate degree and went on to graduate from Marquette Law School in 1957. He was a partner at Smith, Bliss, Patterson, Richards, and Hessert Law Firm until his retirement in 1988.

John married Patricia McCarthy in 1945 and together they raised three children – Pat, Jack, and Barb. Patricia knew the importance of a good education and supported her children in their educational journeys.

Marquette University holds special meaning to the Bliss family, as not only John is a proud alumni, his daughter, Pat, and son, Jack, as well as his son-in-law, Barb's husband, Fred, all graduated from Marquette in years ranging from 1970 to 1973.



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PURPOSE

To provide multi-year scholarships for graduating high school seniors from Marathon County to attend Marquette University.

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)
- One reference letter

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating high school senior who is a resident of Marathon County;
- Planning to attend Marquette University in any field of study;
- With a 3.2 GPA or greater;
- Demonstrating leadership qualities and participation in student organizations and their community.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at their high school's senior awards ceremony in the spring.

PAYMENT OF 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 Marquette University.

CONTINUATION OF THE AWARD

This scholarship is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate studies at Marquette University. The student must remain in good academic standing at Marquette with a GPA of 3.2 or greater. An annual update through the Community Foundation is required that will include providing proof of enrollment and a transcript of grades.

