



STEVE HANSEN EARTH STEWARD SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

To be an Earth Steward encompasses more than being an activist, an environmentalist, a recycler, or taking note of water and energy consumption. It is a way of life and means to live with integrity, to be a giver, to appreciate beauty in nature, to be moved by the changes in the sun, moon, and stars, to possess a willingness to try new things, to have an incredible work ethic, to be a life-long learner, to live gently, and to be mindful of one's environment as well as to reach out to others when there is a need.

This scholarship is designed to perpetuate the memory and values of Steve Hansen through the awarding of the Earth Steward Scholarship in his honor to a graduating senior of Wausau East High School.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting our website at 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 Hansen/Christianson application from the menu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form available online)

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Graduating senior from Wausau East High School
- Dedicated to the environment
- Displaying a strong work ethic, a desire to do things right, and to make things better
- Demonstrating the characteristics of integrity, compassion, caring, empathy, and kindness
- Planning to pursue an education in any field of study at any accredited 4-year college or university
- GPA is not a factor in selection

ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at the Wausau East 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.

"Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness. Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Continue to learn. Appreciate your friends. Do what you love. Live as if this is all there is."

~Mary Anne Radmacher

Steve grew up an ordinary person who went on to do extraordinary things with his life. He was a teacher, friend, husband, son, mentor, advisor, motivator, confidant, and lifelong learner.

Steve lived his life by one of his favorite quotes, *"Be the change you wish to see in the world."* - Gandhi. He was a motivated doer whose favorite line was, "Tenacious engagement."

Steve was raised in Wisconsin and grew up learning to love the outdoors. This passion inspired him to major in biology, with minors in ecology, botany, environmental science, and outdoor education. He did not happen upon education in the usual way. He had various life experiences which all lead him to his career as an educator. Steve was passionate about learning and shared his enthusiasm for not only his content areas, but also life, through lessons that extended far beyond the reaches of a classroom. He led by example, setting high expectations for himself and those around him. He motivated his students to be better people and to pursue their dreams. Steve was energetic, yet maintained a quiet, humble, and compassionate existence. Steve lived with great integrity in both his personal and professional life. He motivated all who knew him to live simply, love deeply, laugh often, learn forever, and to explore with gusto.

Steve's life is proof that in order to have great impact in life, one need not be famous, nor make great sums of money. One must follow his/her calling, stay true to him/herself, hold and maintain a set of core beliefs and success will follow.

The fund was established within the Community Foundation in November of 2005.

