



*Kimberly Van Den Elzen  
August 4, 1961–June 19, 1998*

To all whose lives she touched, Kimberly Van Den Elzen was a fire of energy, a source of endless optimism, and the essence of encouragement. She was a woman of principles and inexhaustible love and friendship. Kimberly's child-like spirit enriched the lives of everyone she met. Kimberly was the 1976 Michigan Diving Champion and received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1994 from Harper College in Palatine, Illinois. In 1994, she and her husband, Cliff, moved to Wausau, where she opened a branch office for the company with which she was employed. With an entrepreneurial spirit, in 1997, she opened a business of her own. She was the founder and president of a human resource consulting and employee recruitment firm. Always seeking the next challenge, Kimberly planned to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business and Human Resources from the University of Wisconsin. These plans were left unfinished, when Kimberly died of breast cancer on June 19, 1998 at the age of 36. With her premature death, the Wausau area lost the opportunity to share in the making of a great leader. In the short time Kimberly lived in Wausau, she was actively involved in many local organizations and contributed much of who she was to her community. She was a member of the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce, Good Morning Wausau Committee, Council of Women Business Owners, Downtown Wausau Action Council, Wausau Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient), National and Central Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management, Network Group, Business and Professional Women, Birch Trail Girl Scout volunteer for the Rise and Shine Program and Bon Repas Gourmet Club. On October 4, 1997, Kimberly co-chaired the First Annual Pumpkin Plod, to raise money for Christmas lights for the downtown area.

This fund, established in 1998, is designed to honor her memory and to continue her work in a field she valued deeply.



## KIMBERLY A. VAN DEN ELZEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

Provide scholarships for individuals from central Wisconsin seeking a career, or hoping to further their career, in the Human Resources field. Graduating high school seniors, as well as college students, or adults already in the field pursuing additional education, are invited to apply. Students are welcome to reapply in subsequent years, whether they receive the award or not.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting our website at [cfoncw.org](http://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:** March 1

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

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

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Resident of central Wisconsin;
- Planning to pursue, or advance, a career in Human Resources
- Any level of post high school education – high school graduating seniors, undergraduate students, or graduate school students, etc. – are eligible to apply

The following will be taken into consideration in the selection process:

- Potential for success in chosen field of study
- Relative educational achievement
- Strong commitment to community and to the welfare of others
- Positive attitude and "Can Do" spirit

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipients will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremony in the spring for graduation seniors.

### 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.

