



Allen Johnson

Al Johnson's enjoyment of building with his hands began early in life. As a teenager he worked for a local contractor where he learned the craft of an electrician. He enlisted in the Navy near the end of the Korean Conflict and developed his skills by specializing in the maintenance of electrical systems in Navy aircraft.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he enrolled at UW-Stout and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial/tech education. The exposure to all dimensions of construction tradecraft deeply embedded and solidified his life-long love of the trades and respect for trades-focused professions.

During his 30-year career with the Wausau School District, Al introduced students to this passion by challenging and encouraging them with real world, practical experiences that would prepare them to pursue trades-related careers. His teaching talent gained respect throughout the state and the honor of being named Wisconsin Teacher of the Year by his students and colleagues in the 1980s.

His passion, which continued into retirement, was contagious, resulting in his sons and many of his students pursuing professional endeavors in the construction trades. It was his life-long appreciation for trades people that lead his family to establish this scholarship in his memory, to help attract and encourage hard-working professionals to pursue a career in the building trades.

The fund was established by Al's family and friends within the Community Foundation in 2020.



ALLEN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP & GRANTS FOR SKILLED TRADES

PURPOSE

To provide financial support to students and developing professionals who are committed to pursuing a career in the skilled construction trades.

For Example: An application might be pursuing a career in plumbing, carpentry, welding, or any other construction trade that requires advanced skill training, or be in the process of qualifying for their journeyman-level licensing or advancing their skill credentials by taking special training through a union or training program, or supplementing their on-the-job experience with classroom-style experiences at a post-high school institution such as a technical college or specialized training program.

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 appropriate application from the menu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A reference from a supervisor, mentor, or instructor who can attest to your commitment to the industry
- List of activities and organizations you have participated in
- Continuing students will be asked to provide a transcript of grades

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants may be a resident of north central Wisconsin, OR planning to utilize their new credentials/skills in the north central Wisconsin region.
- Likely candidates for this scholarship will be in the process of executing plans to become a professional tradesperson

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applications will be evaluated, based on:

- Commitment to pursuing a career in the skilled construction trades
- Demonstration of how their involvement in the trades will impact other people and their community
- Financial need will be a consideration

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community after the award has been announced, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

The recipient must provide proof of registration to the Foundation office for payment to be initiated. Payment will be made directly to the institution where training will take place.