

LEON & ALMA BURGER SCHOLARSHIP



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The Leon & Alma Burger Scholarship was established in March 2015, through the estate plans of Leon and Alma (Grosskreutz) Burger. This lasting legacy honors their dedication to hard work, family, and community by providing annual scholarships to students from the greater Wausau area.

Leon Burger was a self-made man admired for his business acumen, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit. As a young man, he founded Burger Trucking Company, laying the foundation for a successful career as a real estate developer, owner, and investor. Leon never truly retired, his work was not just a livelihood, but a reflection of his independence and love for challenge.



During World War II, Leon proudly served his country with the United States Army Engineers, stationed in Burma, China, and India. His service exemplified the discipline and perseverance that defined his life. He was an active member of several community and veterans' organizations, including the American Legion Montgomery Plant Post #10, Veterans of Foreign Wars Burns Post #388, Knights of Columbus George Schreier Council #1069, and the Elks Lodge in Wausau.

Outside of business, Leon was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed big game hunting and spending time with his friends - whether in the office or hosting his legendary annual gatherings that grew larger each year. His zest for life and generosity left an impression on everyone who knew him.

His wife, Alma (Grosskreutz) Burger, who passed away in 1997, was a devoted homemaker and steadfast supporter of Leon and his many ventures. Together, they built a life rooted in partnership, hard work, and commitment to community.

Through the Leon & Alma Burger Scholarship, their spirit of generosity endures—empowering young people to pursue their education, follow their ambitions, and create meaningful lives of their own.

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduating high school senior
- Attending a high school within a 10-mile radius of Wausau City Hall
- Pursuing an education in the fields of Education, Health, or Commerce

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Academics
- Financial Need
- Interest and ability to succeed in their chosen field of study

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