

ELIZABETH S. PETERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN



FUND BACKSTORY . . .

Elizabeth was born and raised in Wausau. She attended Wausau High School and graduated in 1945 as the valedictorian of her class. After high school, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She graduated in 1949 with honors and an accounting degree. After graduation, she returned to Wausau to begin her career and later start a family. She married her husband of 35 years, Henry M. Peters, Jr., on November 4, 1961. They were blessed in 1967 with a daughter, Mollie.

Elizabeth was a local trailblazer for women in the accounting field. After graduating from college, she accepted a position with Wipfli Ullrich accounting firm, where she worked for over 40 years. She became a partner in 1962, being the first woman in the state of Wisconsin to become a partner in a CPA firm. Elizabeth was the first woman appointed to the Accounting Examining Board by Governor Patrick Lucey, which she served on for eight years. Prior to retirement, she was invited to join the UW Business Alumni Board. Elizabeth believed in giving back to her community, serving on many committees and boards. In 1987, she was recognized for her community service and leadership by being presented with the prestigious Athena award in Wausau.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoyed golfing and curling. In addition to her accomplishments, she enjoyed traveling throughout Europe and spending quiet weekends at the lake.



ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant is a graduating high school senior *OR* college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior
- From Marathon County
- Identifies as female
- Planning to attend or attending a four-year college/university in the University of Wisconsin system
- Pursuing a degree in the field of accounting

INTERVIEW

Finalists are asked to be available for an interview with the review committee in spring.