

ALLEN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP & GRANTS FOR SKILLED TRADES



FUND BACKSTORY . . .

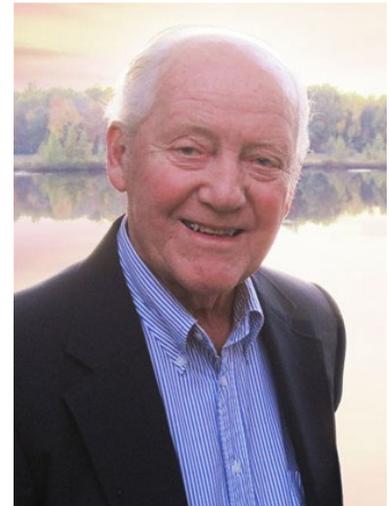
Al Johnson's enjoyment of building with his hands began early in life. As a teenager he worked for a local contractor where he learned the craft of an electrician. He enlisted in the Navy near the end of the Korean Conflict and developed his skills by specializing in the maintenance of electrical systems 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 led 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 of North Central Wisconsin in 2020.



ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of Marathon County, OR planning to utilize their new credentials/skills in Marathon County
- Pursuing a career as a professional tradesperson

CRITERIA

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

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