RICHARD WEINREIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN

FUND BACKSTORY . . .



The Richard Weinreis Memorial Scholarship was established by family, friends, and co-workers to honor the memory of a man who dedicated his life to helping others and living each day to the fullest. Following his untimely passing in a car accident on May 18, 2001, at the age of 36, those who knew and loved Rick sought a way to ensure his spirit of compassion and service would continue to impact lives for generations to come.

Rick led a vibrant and active life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mountain biking, volleyball, weightlifting, cooking, building houses, and, above all, helping others in any way he could. His boundless energy and generous heart were evident in everything he did.

At the time of his passing, Rick was a social worker for the Marathon County Department of Social Services, where he worked closely with juvenile offenders and their families. Though the work could be challenging, Rick approached it with patience, empathy, and an unwavering belief in the potential for change. He was passionate about helping young people "get back on track," offering guidance, understanding, and hope to those who needed it most.

Through this scholarship, Rick's legacy lives on. The Richard Weinreis Memorial Scholarship Fund serves as a tribute to his life's work — supporting students who share his dedication to helping others and who aspire to make a positive difference in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of Marathon County
- Have had formal court contact through the Marathon County Department of Social Services juvenile intake system within the past seven (7) years
    - Youth that have been involved in the Child Protective Services system within Marathon County could be considered for this scholarship as well.

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Provide evidence of a plan for education or training that will provide for personal career advancement
- Provide evidence of support and endorsement by references
- Articulated an attitude of change through an essay