

Dr. James and Therese Fitzpatrick Educator Scholarship

Description

The Dr. James and Therese Fitzpatrick Educator Scholarship Fund was created by gifts to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation in honor of Dr. Fitzpatrick's 14 years of service as the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who wish to pursue a post-secondary education leading to a career in education in any licensed role in the PK-12 area of certification.

Jim and Therese Fitzpatrick married in 1977 and began their careers in education. Their experiences working with students in Iowa and Wisconsin were very rewarding. Many wonderful individuals helped them along the way. This scholarship is a way Jim and Therese hope to give back by helping young people in their pursuit of a career in education.

Full payment of the scholarship is made in one year.

Eligibility

Eligible students are graduating seniors of Fort Atkinson High School who:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Are planning on pursuing a degree leading to a career in education in any licensed role in the PK-12 area of certification. This could include but would not be limited to a teacher, counselor, school psychologist, social worker, administrator or any certified position in a PK-12 setting.
- Are planning to attend a 4-year college or have intentions of transferring to a four-year program after beginning post-secondary studies at a technical college, community college, or two-year institution.

Selection

Applicants will be reviewed by a committee composed of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District (or his/her designee), one member of the community recruited by the foundation's program administrator, and a high school teacher.

Selection will be based on the applicant's character, seriousness of purpose, the content of an essay outlining the applicant's plans, what he/she has done to prepare for the chosen education and career, personality, initiative, and likelihood of success. Financial need will be considered but will not be the determining factor.