

Gene Halker Memorial Scholarship

Description

The Gene Halker Memorial Scholarship is funded by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation by the family of Gene Halker. Mr. Halker's parents moved to Fort Atkinson when he was in the second grade and he graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in 1944. After serving in the military, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin and graduated in 1949 with a degree in economics.

Mr. Halker's business career took him to northern Wisconsin where he purchased several radio stations and had other business interests. However, he retained a strong interest in Fort Atkinson, attending every reunion of the Class of 1944 and always asking if there was something the community needed.

Upon his death in June of 2007, his family endowed a scholarship in his memory to benefit Fort Atkinson students pursuing a degree in economics, business, literature or any related field.

Full payment of the scholarship is made in one year; the scholarship is not renewable but recipients may apply again in subsequent years.

Eligibility

Eligible students are undergraduate or graduate students who:

- If undergraduate students, are full-time students who have at least junior standing in the next academic year.
- If graduate students, are either full- or part-time students.
- Are attending a four-year college or university and have earned a minimum 3.0 gradepoint average (out of 4.0) in post-secondary study.
- Are pursuing a degree in economics, business, literature, or any related field.
- Are residents of the Fort Atkinson area or a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District (or his/her designee), one or two members of the community recruited by the Community Foundation, and a member or representative of the Halker family, if available.

Applicants with financial need will be given greater priority, although need is not a necessity for applying.