

# **Robert and Judith Knapp Scholarship**

## **Description**

The Robert and Judith Knapp Scholarship is funded by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation by Robert and Judith Knapp. Dr. and Mrs. Knapp, with their two young sons, came to live in Fort Atkinson in 1986 after they both joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as professor of mathematics. Both of their sons graduated from Fort Atkinson High School and earned scholarships through the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation. This scholarship is their thoughtful way of giving back to help future students who have the greatest potential for achieving their professional goals, regardless of financial need.

The areas of study being targeted reflect Dr. and Mrs. Knapp's professional careers as mathematics teachers, recognizing that physics and engineering require extensive knowledge of mathematics. Both of the Knapp's sons are very talented musically and have chosen careers in music, thus the additional focus on music performance and music education.

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:

- Are graduates of Fort Atkinson High School or residents of the Fort Atkinson area.
- Are currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in mathematics, mathematics education, physics, physics education, engineering, engineering education, music performance, or music education at a four-year degree granting college or university.
- Have completed at least two years of full-time college study, or are in graduate school.
- Have earned a minimum 3.0 gradepoint average out of 4.0 in post-secondary study.

## **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 Knapp family, initially Judith Knapp.

The committee will consider the applicants' academic records and potential for academic success. Financial need will not be considered.