

Walter and Louise Buell Graduate Scholarship

Description

The Walter and Louise Buell Graduate Scholarship is the result of a very generous bequest from the estate of Walter and Louise Buell. Mrs. Buell was raised in Fort Atkinson and graduated from Fort Atkinson High School. She married Walter Buell of Janesville and moved with him to Chicago where he pursued a successful career in advertising, and she worked for the American Institute of Baking and later became executive manager of the Bakers Club of Chicago. The Buells retained property in Fort Atkinson and frequently visited on weekends. At the time of her death in 1990, Mrs. Buell was a resident of the Fairhaven Retirement Community in Whitewater.

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 residents of the Fort Atkinson area or graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who:

- Are accepted into a graduate school at an accredited college or university, in a program leading to an advanced degree, i.e. masters, doctorate, or professional.
- Are full- or part-time graduate students with registration on an ongoing basis and making steady progress toward a degree.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a foundation director, two community representatives, a high school teacher, the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District, and a former scholarship recipient (if possible). This committee will recommend the number and monetary value of awards as well as recommending recipients.

The committee will consider the applicants' academic achievement as well as their interest in, and potential for, community involvement (recognizing that at the current stage of their life, graduate students may not have the time or opportunity for community involvement). The committee also will consider financial need.