

Isabelle Mathews Education Scholarship

Description

The Isabelle Mathews Education Scholarship was funded by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation from the estate of Isabelle Mathews. Mrs. Mathews was a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School and the Whitewater State Teachers College (now the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater). She also attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Mrs. Mathews was an elementary school teacher for over 50 years, in Burlington and then at the University School in Milwaukee. She loved music and throughout her teaching career she assisted the music teachers with piano and organ.

This scholarship is just one piece of Mrs. Mathews' local philanthropy. In 2000 she funded a new flagpole and entrance landscaping for the Hoard Museum and before that donated funds to create the little Clocktower Pocket Park on North Main Street by the municipal building. She also is responsible for the attractive granite sign at Lake View Cemetery.

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 gradepoint average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Are planning to attend a four-year degree-granting institution to pursue a degree in education and prepare for a career in teaching.

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), and one or two members of the community recruited by the foundation's program administrator. One of the community members may be a teacher.

In addition to the academic record, the committee will consider applicants' community service records, extra-curricular activities, and work experience. Financial need may be taken into consideration but will not be the determining factor.