

Walter and Louise Buell Merit Scholarship

Description

The Walter and Louise Buell Merit Scholarship is named in recognition of Walter and Louise Buell who chose to make a large gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation to be used for scholarships.

Louise was a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School and Walter was from Janesville. Both came from humble backgrounds. They met in Chicago where, through hard work and dedication, they each found success – Louise in the baking industry and Walter in advertising. Even though they became successful and loved Chicago, they never lost their love for Fort Atkinson and the Lake Koshkonong area where they frequently spent weekends.

Having no children of their own, they decided to help the children of others. This merit scholarship as well as the Buell Honor Scholarships and the Buell Graduate Scholarships are their enduring gift to our community.

This scholarship will be distributed over a four-year period. To continue to receive installments of the scholarship, students must remain full-time students and maintain a cumulative gradepoint average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Eligibility

Eligible students are graduating seniors of Fort Atkinson High School who are residents of the Fort Atkinson area and who:

- Are in the top 10% of their class.
- Are planning to enroll in a program leading to a bachelor's degree.

Selection

Applicants will be reviewed by a committee consisting of one foundation director, two community representatives, a high school teacher, the Superintendent of the Fort Atkinson School District (or his/her designee), and a former scholarship recipient, if possible.

The committee principally will consider the applicants' scholarship and academic achievement. An additional factor to be considered will be school and community involvement, with more weight being given to the quality, rather than the quantity, of the activities.

Since this is a merit-based award, financial need is not considered and the applicants need not submit any financial data.