

# **The Fireside Theatre Scholarship**

## **Description**

The Fireside Theatre Scholarship Fund was created by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation by Ryan and Kristi Kloplic of The Fireside Theatre. Ryan and Kristi, both graduates of Fort Atkinson High School, wanted to provide financial assistance to local students and encourage them to pursue studies that support The Fireside Theatre's mission of hospitality and entertainment. This scholarship is open to graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, former Fort Atkinson High School graduates, or residents of the Fort Atkinson area who are pursuing, or are planning to pursue, an education in theatre, music, hospitality, retail or culinary fields at an accredited 4-year college or university or two-year technical or vocational school.

Full payment of the scholarship is made in one year.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible students are current Fort Atkinson High School graduating seniors, college undergraduates, or graduate students who:

- Are either graduates of Fort Atkinson High School or are residents of the Fort Atkinson area.
- Are pursuing, or are planning to pursue, an education in theatre, music, culinary, hospitality, or retail fields at an accredited 4-year college or university or a two-year technical or vocational school.
- At the time of application, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Preference will be given to students who have worked at The Fireside Theatre but that is not a requirement for application. Financial need is not required for this scholarship but need can be taken into account by the selection committee.

## **Selection**

Applicants will be reviewed by a committee composed of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of Schools (or his/her designee), two community members recruited by the Scholarship Chairman of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation (one of whom may be a teacher), and a member of the Kloplic family or an employee of The Fireside Theatre.

The student's demonstrated interest in one of the fields of study will be an important consideration in selection. Selection will also be based on the content of the application, academic record, and the applicant's prospect of success in their program.