

Ardell Wiederhoeft Legacy Scholarship

Description

The Ardell Wiederhoeft Legacy Scholarship was created to honor and acknowledge Mr. Wiederhoeft for his 40 years of service, dedication, and outstanding financial leadership to the Fort Atkinson School District. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, or a graduate of that school currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, who wish to pursue post-secondary education leading to a career in business, mathematics, or a related field.

Mr. Wiederhoeft began his career with the district in 1968 as a teacher of mathematics and then in 1980 he served as the district's business administrator until his retirement in 2008. As both a teacher and administrator, his exceptional abilities helped to advance the opportunities and potential of untold students and the financial health of the district.

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 graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, or a graduate of that school currently enrolled in an undergraduate program, who:

- Have maintained, at the time of application for the scholarship, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Are pursuing an education leading to a career in the field of business, mathematics, or a related field (such as actuarial science, computer science, teaching mathematics or business education, etc.). Students pursuing an engineering degree are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Are attending, or planning to attend, an accredited vocational/technical school in Wisconsin, or preferably an accredited Wisconsin four-year college or university.

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 at large (preferably high school teachers) recruited by the Community Foundation, and a member or representative of the Wiederhoeft family, if available.

The committee will consider the applicant's academic record, financial need, character, and seriousness of purpose.