

# **Denice Jones Medical Fields Scholarship**

## **Description**

The Denice Jones Medical Fields Scholarship Fund was created at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation in 2021 thanks to a gift from Denice Jones, a retired occupational therapist who, starting in the 1980s, was instrumental in establishing occupational therapy programs in school districts throughout Jefferson County. Her pioneering work improved the lives of local children and the lives of their families. Finding the work very rewarding, Denice established this scholarship to encourage local students to pursue an education and career in a medical field, giving them a similar opportunity to help improve the lives and health of their communities.

The scholarship is available to graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who are pursuing a degree in a medical field with special preference for those enrolled in an occupational therapy, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy, or physical therapy assistant programs.

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 must meet all the following criteria:

- Applicants must be pursuing a program or degree in a medical field and be, or plan to be, enrolled in an accredited vocational/technical school, college, or university. Dentistry or veterinary programs are not considered medical fields for purposes of this scholarship.
- Applicants may be graduating Fort Atkinson High School seniors, if planning to enroll in a medically-related program at a vocational or technical school, or former graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who at the time of application hold at least sophomore standing at an accredited college or university.
- Have, at the time of application, maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

## **Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of the School District of Fort Atkinson (or his/her designee), one or two community members, and a member of the Jones family, if available.

Selection will be based on the applicant's academic achievement and promise, and the submission of a complete application showing a commitment to a future medical career. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who are pursuing studies in the fields of occupational therapy or physical therapy.