

# **Terry Beck Protective Services Scholarship**

## **Description**

The Terry Beck Protective Services Scholarship was initiated by The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson to recognize the service of Terry Beck as a Marine Scout Dog Handler in Vietnam. It was funded by Terry's family and friends.

The scholarship provides awards to graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, former graduates of that school, or residents of Fort Atkinson who are planning to pursue a certificate, diploma or degree in a protective services program included in the "Law, Public Safety and Security" listing by the Wisconsin Technical College System [www.wtcsystem.edu/programs/find-your-program/law-public-safety-and-security](http://www.wtcsystem.edu/programs/find-your-program/law-public-safety-and-security), at a vocational/technical college in Wisconsin.

Terrence Daniel Beck was born in Dubuque, Iowa in 1949. His family moved to Fort Atkinson in 1963 and Terry attended Fort Atkinson High School. He had a lifelong love of the military, so it was no surprise when he joined the Marine Corps in 1966. Terry was only 18 years old when he began his tour of duty as a rifleman in the 1st Scout Dog Platoon on Oct. 5, 1967. Less than three months later, on Dec. 20, 1967, Terry and his K9 partner Seato were killed by small arms fire in the Thua Thien Province of Vietnam. Terry's final resting place is in Fort Atkinson.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible students are graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, former graduates of that school, or residents of Fort Atkinson, who:

- Are pursuing, or are planning to pursue, a certificate, diploma or degree in a protective services program included in the "Law, Public Safety and Security" listing on the website of the Wisconsin Technical College System - [www.wtcsystem.edu/programs/find-your-program/law-public-safety-and-security](http://www.wtcsystem.edu/programs/find-your-program/law-public-safety-and-security) - at a vocational/technical college in Wisconsin.

Financial need is not required for this scholarship but may be taken into consideration by the committee.

## **Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the School District of Fort Atkinson, The Fort Atkinson Kennel Club, a member of the local veteran community, and another community member.

Selection will be based on the student's demonstrated interest in the fields of protective services and public safety, the content of their application, and their prospect of success in their program. Preference will be given to students who have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career working with protective service dogs. Preference will also be given to graduates of Fort Atkinson High School.