

Chilton Area Community Foundation Violet and Ruben Laack Memorial Scholarship

Background:

Ruben and Violet Laack were a successful, giving couple that were born, raised, and lived in Northeast Wisconsin. Ruben was raised in Potter and worked in the cheese making business with his father. In 1943, he purchased the Laack Cheese Factory from his father and took over the operations of the business until 1987 when the factory was sold. Ruben was the first Italian cheese producer in the area and won many awards in the county, region, and state for his cheese making.

Violet was raised in Maple Grove and was educated as a teacher at Manitowoc County Normal School and later at St. Norbert College. Besides assisting with the books for the cheese business, Violet also had the pleasure of teaching children for 49 years. She began teaching in rural schools with grades 1-8 in a one room classroom. She taught in many schools in the area but found her love in Kiel working with special needs children. Even into retirement, Violet served as a substitute teacher into her 80's.

Ruben and Violet were involved in many service organizations and clubs in the area throughout their lives, giving back to their community. Their giving will continue into perpetuity by establishing this scholarship fund for area students.



Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from the following high schools:
 - Brillion High School
 - Chilton High School
 - Hilbert High School
 - New Holstein High School
 - Stockbridge High School
 - Kiel High School
- Planning to attend a 4-year college or university as a part-time or full-time student
- High-achieving student

Award Amount:

Two \$4,000 scholarships for cost of attendance will be awarded to students from each of the 6 high schools listed above.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended in the spring by each of the High School Scholarship Selection Committees according to the eligibility criteria.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar>). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents *as instructed* in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Online Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a part-time or full-time student for the first semester of the freshman year of college.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/
 - Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - Phone 920.702.7623