

Nicolet Grandpa Education Degree Scholarship

Norman Van Hulle was born near Oconto, WI in 1924. He used his Valedictorian Scholarship to begin his career as a Project Engineer, which culminated in being one of the five founding fathers of Custom Machinery Design (CMD) in Appleton. The company grew to employ over 100 full time employees.

After his retirement in 1992 at age 67, Norman “Grandpa” Van Hulle pursued his first love – education. He visited his grandson’s first-grade classroom at Nicolet Elementary School in Menasha to teach staff members how to operate the school’s new computers. He found so much more to do there - from tutoring children who’d fallen behind to grading papers for busy teachers - that he decided to volunteer regularly, which he did every morning until he was no longer able to in 2014.



Norman set up an education fund for each of his 10 grandchildren and created a 529 tuition savings plan for each of his great-grandchildren. Since 2003 when Norman was awarded the Daniel P. Spalding Volunteer Educator Award, he has presented an annual \$1,000 scholarship award to a Menasha High School graduate that was pursuing a degree in teaching. Norman established the Nicolet Grandpa Education Degree Scholarship Fund, to continue into perpetuity, and to honor the hundreds of “Nicolet grandchildren” he loved so much.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors of Menasha High School who plan on attending an accredited college or university and intend to pursue a career in teaching. Preference may be given to a student who attended Nicolet Elementary School in Menasha and/or students who are planning a career in elementary teaching. The following will be taken into consideration during the selection process:

- Involvement with children
- Community and school activities
- Work history
- Financial need

Award Amount:

One recipient will receive a non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship award.

Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by the Menasha High School Scholarship Selection Committee.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payment will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships) along with verification of full time student status (class schedule with credits listed) and proof of major. After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending during the first semester of the freshman year of college. This scholarship cannot be deferred. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email. *Please keep us advised of your current email address.*

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full time student for the first semester of freshman year of college with an intended major in teaching.

Further Information:

For more information please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarship or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.