

Edmund J. and Mary Lee Christensen Scholarship

Ed and Mary Lee Christensen never had any children. Yet, it is children who will benefit from the couple's estate through the scholarship fund which they provided for. Ed died on January 21, 2012 at 84 years old. Mary Lee, who was stricken with polio around the early 1950s, died on July 3, 1992. The couple worked with their attorney in the establishment of the scholarship for a period of four or five years. The reason the couple chose the fields of music, physical therapy or veterinary science was they loved dogs and music. Also, Mary was primarily confined to a wheelchair from her high school days and Ed took her all over for physical therapy. Their home on the Chain O' Lakes included an old Steinway piano, and during his final days, Ed often listened to old record albums, reminiscing about his wife. Through the years, the couple had many dogs. The road on which they lived, Tammy Trail, was named after one of the first dogs the couple had, a German Shepherd named Tammy. Ed was described as a character, unique and frugal; He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and for many years, managed the Holiday Station in Waupaca. The couple wanted students to put this scholarship to good use, study hard, and get their degree.



Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Waupaca High School who are planning to attend an accredited college, university, or technical college and are pursuing a career in music, physical or occupational therapy (preference being given to physical therapy), or animal or veterinary science (preference being given to veterinary science). The following will be taken into consideration to determine the recipient:

- Academic achievement
- Involvement in extracurricular and community activities
- Conscientious and hardworking
- Potential to be successful in a college, university or technical college setting
- Financial need may be a consideration

Award Amount:

Up to four at a maximum of \$2,000 per year renewable scholarship award, for tuition expenses, for up to four years (total \$8,000) to a full time student attending a four-year college or university.

and/or

Up to four at a maximum of \$1,000 per year renewable scholarship award, for tuition expenses, for up to two years (total \$2,000) to a full time student attending a two year technical college.

Selection:

Recipients will be selected each spring by a committee that will consist of the President of the Waupaca Board of Education or his/her designee, the Treasurer of the Waupaca Area Community Foundation, the President of the Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation, and the Superintendent of the Waupaca School System or his/her designee.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payments will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located on our website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships), verification of full time student status (class schedule with credits listed) and proof of major. For subsequent payments, the student must submit all of the above documentation along with prior year's grade report (unofficial grade report will suffice). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending in the first semester. 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 maintain full time student status with a 2.75 GPA each year at an accredited college, university or technical college in the pursuit of a career in music, physical or occupational therapy, or animal or veterinary science.

Further Information:

Students will be required to fill out the Waupaca High School Foundation Scholarship application form to be eligible for this scholarship; please visit the Waupaca High School Guidance Office. For more information regarding payment process or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-830-1290.