

Chilton Area Community Foundation John Adema Memorial Scholarship

Background:

John “Coach” Adema (1936-2013) was the ultimate ambassador to the game of soccer. Through his 56-year soccer career, John taught life skills, developed lifelong friendships and helped many, young and old, become better people. John’s impact on the people he met was great and his legacy will endure through this scholarship. John and his brother came to America from Franeker, Netherlands on a ship called the Seven Seas when John was 19. It took 10 days to reach New York from their war-torn homeland of Holland. They traveled by train to Fond du Lac, WI to be with their uncle. Reaching America was one dream come true. Meeting Helen was his second dream come true.

John married Helen in 1957 and they settled in Sheboygan, WI. John worked at Kohler Company for 12 years, where he learned most of his English. He then left Kohler for Lee Realty to get back into carpentry, his profession in the Netherlands.

John Adema was integral in the development of soccer in Northeast Wisconsin. John played a role at every level of the game throughout his long career. He started the Marian University soccer program in 1983 and won Lake Michigan Conference Coach of the Year honors in his second season. He was also the longest-tenured men’s soccer coach in St. Norbert College history and was named the conference coach of the year in 1994. He coached at the high school level in Kiel, New Holstein, Stockbridge, and Cedar Grove-Belgium high schools. He was a coach for the Olympic Player Development Program and was also active in youth soccer programs, starting youth clubs in New Holstein and Kiel. John was inducted into the Wisconsin Adult Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 1989 and the first soccer coach to be inducted in the Lakeshore Sports Hall of Fame in Manitowoc in 2007. He played soccer with the Sheboygan Sports Club, Appleton Bombers, Fond du Lac Express and played competitively until he was 55 years old and coached right up until his passing at age 76.

John built the concession stand and bathrooms at the Kiel Soccer complex, donating all his labor. He built the original dugouts, player benches and spectator seating. The building was dedicated and named after him in 2003. John believed that soccer was a lifelong skill and he wanted to make sure students who learned soccer at a young age would carry it with them well past their high school years.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kiel High School
- Planning to continue their education at a college/university or technical school
- Students must have played soccer at Kiel High School
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

Two non-renewable \$500 scholarship awards to recipients of different genders, payable after successful completion of first semester of post-secondary school, for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended by the Kiel High School scholarship selection committee along with an Adema family member.

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 Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student for the second semester at a college/university or technical college, after successful completion of the first semester, as a student in good academic standing.

Further Information:

- Kiel High School Student Services Office
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/ / Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org / Phone 920.702.7629

