



## Cooney Simon Memorial Scholarship

Cooney (Marion) Simon passed away in December 2014. Cooney lived a large life that was filled with remarkable stories. The best Cooney stories—like the one where she jumped a fence on Christmas Eve to steal a Christmas tree for a family in need—were those that displayed her endless generosity. Of all the elements that made Cooney who she was, the most noteworthy of all was just how much she gave. She was known for overloaded car rides to 24-hour kitchen service for broken families; she was known for taking down-on-their-luck strangers into her home; she was known for a lifetime of service to Special Olympic, Loaves and Fishes, St. Vincent De Paul, and St. Mary's school and Church.



Cooney gave to everyone and everything she could. She was generous beyond measure. She gave to her children, doted on her grandchildren, and was a loving and thoughtful friend. She gave, hand over fist, to every community she was a part of. This boundless generosity was central to who she was.

Cooney lived a good life. She spent her days surrounded by family, friends, and devoting her life to something larger than herself. This scholarship was established by her loving family to benefit a student who lives life like Cooney did.

### Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Kaukauna and Kimberly High Schools who plan to attend an accredited college/university or technical college on a full-time basis. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate genuine service to their communities (big or small) and who go above and beyond required volunteer hours.

### Award Amount:

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award, payable during the first semester of the freshman year of college.

### Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by a Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee along with one family member. Students will fill out the Community Foundation's General Scholarship Application. As part of the application process, the applicant will be required to submit an essay: **Discuss something you've done that has made a difference in your community (personal, local, city, or otherwise). What have you learned from your experiences?** Candidates will also be encouraged to submit a link to a 2-4-minute video that shows something they do to make their community a better place.

### 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 at [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships)), and verification of full-time student status (class schedule with credits listed or first year student's acceptance letter). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. 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 at an accredited college/university or technical college for the first semester of freshman year of college.

### Further Information:

For more information regarding this or other scholarship visit [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships), email [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org) or call 920-702-7619.