

Michael J. O'Brien Scholarship

Dr. Michael O'Brien led an "intentional life", achieving a successful career as an educator and a writer. He was born in Green Bay, WI on August 2, 1943 to Dr. E. J. and Margaret O'Brien and attended St. Patrick's Grade School and Premontre High School. At Premontre he played on the basketball and golf teams.

He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana in 1965, and received his Ph.D. in American History from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1970. Michael married Sally in 1966 and they raised four children and have twelve grandchildren.

Michael taught history at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point from 1970 to 1972 and from 1972 to 2003 at the University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley where he earned several teaching awards. Michael coached youth soccer and volunteered for Boys and Girls Brigade and Habitat for Humanity. He served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club and the Clark Lake Association.



Michael, focusing on individuals with outstanding character and leadership, authored nine books, including biographies of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Joe Paterno, Notre Dame's President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, Senator Philip Hart, Vince Lombardi and John F. Kennedy. This scholarship was established in loving memory of Michael by his family.

Eligibility:

Current students or graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to the University of Wisconsin, Fox Valley campus who plan to pursue a degree in history, political science or international relations. Students may attend school part-time (minimum 6 credits) or full-time (minimum 12 credits). **Students may reapply each year they are eligible.** The ideal recipient will have demonstrated the following:

- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Leadership qualities
- Community activities
- Financial need

Award Amount:

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship award, payable during the fall semester.

Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee along with one family member.

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), and verification of full- or part-time student status (class schedule with credits listed). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the University of Wisconsin System designated for the UW Fox Valley Campus where 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 part-time (minimum 6 credits) or full-time (minimum 12 credits) student pursuing a degree in history, political science or international relations at the UW Fox Valley Campus.

Further Information:

For more information regarding this or other scholarship visit www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships, email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.