

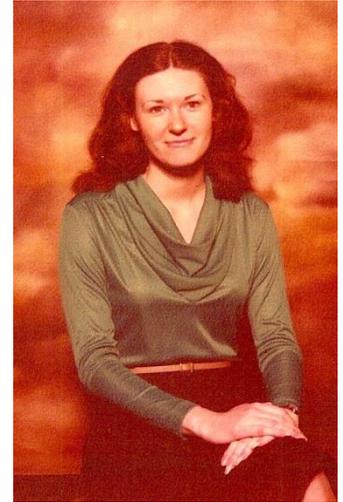
Chilton Area Community Foundation Linda L. Schneider Scholarship

Linda L. Schneider established this scholarship fund to support the protection and conservation of wildlife, natural resources, and the environment in the hopes that future generations would have the opportunity to hear a wolf howl, see a grizzly bear catch a salmon in fresh water, and observe the aerobatic performance of the bald eagle overhead.

Growing up in Chilton inspired Linda and she kept childhood nature journals in spiral notebooks. In 1974, she graduated in the top 10 of her class from Chilton High School. Four years later, Linda graduated Magna cum Laude from UW Whitewater with a degree in Social Work. For 34 years, she worked with developmentally disabled and autistic adults in Wisconsin and Colorado. Throughout her career, she remained a strong supporter for preserving wildlife and their habitats. She loved nature, the outdoors, hiking, camping and gardening, which includes a butterfly garden that has attracted monarchs, painted ladies, swallowtails and other species of butterflies.

Due to kidney and congestive heart failure, Linda retired at the age of 56. She continued to be an advocate for persons with special needs, wildlife, and the environment until her passing in August 2018. She wrote numerous articles for various magazines, including *Birds and Blooms*, *Country*, and *Ranger Rick*, a children's nature magazine published by the National Wildlife Federation.

It is Linda's hope that this scholarship fund will make a difference for students pursuing a degree in wildlife ecology, environmental sciences or related fields.



Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from a Calumet County High School (Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Kiel, New Holstein, and Stockbridge) who are high-achieving, detail oriented students, and plan to attend a four-year college or university, majoring in a field of study focused on wildlife ecology and conservation; or related environmental sciences.

Award Amount:

One non-renewable \$500 scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients will be selected in the spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee per the eligibility criteria and the student's response to the following essay question: Why is it important to you to protect wildlife and the environment?

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), 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 the freshman year of college and majoring in a field of study focused on wildlife ecology and conservation; or related environmental sciences.

Further Information:

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