

Fred Ponschok Vocational Education Scholarship



This scholarship was established in loving memory of Fred E. Ponschok by his family to honor his many contributions to the Shawano Community. Fred served 38 years in the Shawano Gresham School District as a teacher and administrator and was instrumental in developing the vocational education program to create career opportunities for students. Fred was very active in the Shawano community, serving as city alderman for 15 years. He also served as president of Junior Achievement as well as the Shawano Area Veterans, Inc. He was chair of Protect our Wolf River, commander of American Legion Post 117 and a member of the Sacred Heart School Board. Fred was a Korean War veteran in the US Army. He was honored to receive many awards, including Shawano Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year 2003, Shawano Area Community Foundation Volunteer of the Year 2004, United Way Distinguished Service Award 1989-1991 and Junior Achievement, Inc. Bronze Leadership Award 1990.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Shawano Community High School who are pursuing a degree at an accredited technical college. The candidates will have demonstrated:

- Participation in at least two Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at Shawano Community High School
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Financial need may be taken into consideration

Award Amount:

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

Selection:

Recipients will be selected each spring by a committee comprised of the Guidance Counselor and Technical Education Teacher from Shawano Community High School and a member of Fred's family.

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 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 at an accredited technical school, pursuing a degree, and taking a minimum of 6 credits.

Further Information:

Application will be available through the Shawano High School Guidance Office. For payment process, 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 920-702-7619.