



## Bill Kuehmsted Memorial Scholarship

"Bill Kuehmsted Was Everybody's Friend," was the headline of an article that was published in the *Post-Crescent* shortly after Bill passed away in 1971, at the age of 17, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Bill lost his leg in the summer of 1968 in an attempt to arrest the cancer, but it didn't stop him from doing the things that were important to him. He attended Appleton East High School and upon his return he joined the swim team and earned two letters. As in everything else he did, he earned those letters fair and square. He had asked for no favors and received none. His coach, along with many others, called him a leader. He was a member of the Lettermen's Club, vice president of the student council, a forensics team member, on homecoming court, and the president of Key Club. Even with his handicap, it did not stop him from also participating in the Ski Club. He was an outstanding Boy Scout, was very involved at his church and in his community.

The principal at Appleton East High School at that time recalls the student body's reaction to Bill's progress after the loss of his leg. "After his operation, he came back on crutches. Then he got his artificial leg and then the cane. And then there came the time when he got up to make his candidacy speech for the vice presidency of the student council and walked on the stage without his crutches or cane. It was fantastic. The student body just got up and cheered."

Bill's parents established this scholarship as a memorial to their son.

### Eligibility:

Graduating male seniors at Appleton East High School who plan to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited college or university. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated:

- Above average grades
- Active in extracurricular activities
- Participation in at least one varsity sport
- Ability to get along well with faculty members and students
- A genuine interest in school activities

### Award Amount:

The amount of this non-renewable scholarship award varies.

### Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by members of the Appleton East High School Student Council and Key Club along with a Guidance Counselor.

### Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payment 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). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will attend during the first semester. 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.**

### Further Information:

For more information regarding this scholarship's application process contact Appleton East High School Guidance Department. For questions regarding the scholarship payment process please contact the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region at [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org) or 920-702-7619.