



## Bill Kuehmsted Memorial Scholarship

### Background:

"*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: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating male seniors at Appleton East High School planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student
- Demonstrated above average grades, active in extracurricular activities and participation in at least one varsity sport, ability to get along well with faculty members and students and a genuine interest in school activities

### Award Amount:

One \$3,000 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition expenses.

### Selection:

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

### Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar>). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents *as instructed* in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Portal account updated with their current email address.

### Further Information:

- Appleton East High School Guidance Department
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
  - Website [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/)
  - Email [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org)
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