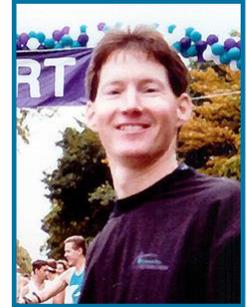


## Bret Younger Memorial Track Scholarship

### Background:

The Bret Younger Memorial Track Scholarship was established in loving memory of Bret Younger, the Executive Program Director of the Appleton YMCA and Fox Cities Marathon Director. Bret loved the sport of track, running throughout school and college. In part, this influenced him to pursue a degree in recreation with the dream of working for the YMCA. Working for the Y was a calling for Bret. He would often say there wasn't a better job because everyone was always in a good mood when they came to the Y! Through his work he enjoyed the people and the community involvement. He organized running events, oversaw youth sports programs and served the dual role of being the Fox Cities Marathon Race Director for 5 years. A man of integrity,



Bret held firm in his beliefs, often saying, "the right choice is not always the easiest choice;" "the best way to judge the success of a YMCA youth program is if the children return the following year;" and "winning is not always the ultimate goal, learning the skills and having fun are more important."



In 2003, at the age of 41, Bret lost his life in a car accident on his way to work. Besides his work, his most important roles were that of a loving husband and father of three. All three of his children ran throughout high school and this scholarship keeps his memory alive until he's reunited with those he loves, in heaven.

### Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from the following high schools:
  - Appleton Area School District High Schools
  - Kaukauna High School
  - Kimberly High School
  - Little Chute High School
  - Menasha High School
  - Neenah High School
- Plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college, university, or technical school as a full-time student
- Participated in track for a minimum of 2 years
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrates the following: enthusiasm for life, high regard for teammates, kindness, integrity and leadership

### Award Amount:

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition, payable for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of college.

### Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Younger Scholarship Committee and the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 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=cfvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfvrscholar>). 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.

### Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or technical school for the first semester of freshman year of college.

### Further Information:

- 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)
  - Phone 920.702.7629