

Kaukauna Alumni Foundation Bruce and Teresa Mathis Scholarship

Background:

Bruce is a 1965 graduate of Kaukauna High School (KHS) who felt he never fully applied himself while attending KHS. He always wanted to further his education but did not have the financial support needed, so it became an item on his bucket list. After leaving Kaukauna in 1985 to venture out on a new career he soon discovered how valuable his education at KHS was impacting his future. He returned to school and graduated from college at the age of 50. It was during this time he realized that without the education he had received earlier in his life he would never have achieved his goal of a college degree.

After experiencing the value of his early learning, his wife Teresa, and he decided to pay something back. They established this scholarship to help someone they consider an average KHS student (GPA of 2.5 - 3.2) who wants



to further their education but needs a little seed money to get started. They hope that with the little support they can provide, it opens a door of opportunity to fulfill someone's dream of pursuing a career and a better future.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kaukauna High School
- Planning to attend a Wisconsin Technical College or a Wisconsin accredited college or university as a fulltime student
- Cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.2
- Preference to students whose grades improved significantly through their high school career
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One \$750 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Kaukauna Alumni Association Selection Committee.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the <u>Scholarship Portal</u> (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.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student for the first semester of the freshman year of college at a Wisconsin technical college, or a 4-year college or university.

Further Information:

- Kaukauna High School Guidance Department
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - o Website <u>www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/</u>
 - o Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - o Phone 920.702.7629