

Waupaca Area Community Foundation Donald G. Brunner Education Scholarship

Background:

Donald G. Brunner was an avid pilot who loved life. Don was a U.S. Army veteran with service in World War II, and a mechanical engineering graduate of Marquette University, who graduated at the top of his class. Don joined Waupaca Foundry as the plant manager in 1955. He was named president and CEO of the company in 1972 until retirement in 1997. His employees knew his rule, “work hard, play hard.” In appreciation of Don’s dedication, leadership and determination the road leading up to the Waupaca Foundry was renamed Brunner Drive. In 1997, the City of Waupaca renamed its airport “Brunner Field” in recognition of Don’s commitment to the city and passion for the airport. Don was a proud lifetime member of the EAA and strong promoter of the organization. He owned and built a variety of aircraft. Airport, 68C, just north of Ogdensburg, WI held a special place in Don’s heart. He met a lot of great people there.



Every Friday a group of pilots would gather for lunch. Don had a vision to create a place where pilots could meet in the name of camaraderie. He helped design and fund the building of the clubhouse. People would fly in from all over the state to share in the common bond of flying. Don’s children and grandchildren cherish the time they spent with their father and grandfather. There was never a dull moment. Several of his family members continue Don’s passion for aviation. Don’s family and everyone who met him will always remember Don’s mischievous nature and especially his chuckle and telltale grin.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Waupaca High School
- Planning to attend a 4-year college or university as a full-time student
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

3 renewable scholarship awards of \$5,000, renewable annually for up to four years (total \$20,000).

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by the Waupaca High School Foundation Scholarship Committee. Selection is based on candidates who have academic achievement, a high level of personal integrity and leadership ability, and have participated in extracurricular and community activities (including work).

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.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to maintain full-time student status in good academic standing, with a minimum 3.0 GPA each semester, at an accredited college or university.

Further Information:

- Waupaca High School Guidance Office
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/
 - Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - Phone 920.702.7629