

Waupaca Area Community Foundation Edmund J. and Mary Lee Christensen Scholarship

Background:

Ed and Mary Lee Christensen never had any children. Yet, it is children who will benefit from the couple's estate through the scholarship fund which they provided for. Ed died on January 21, 2012 at 84 years old. Mary Lee, who was stricken with polio around the early 1950s, died on July 3, 1992. The couple worked with their attorney in the establishment of the scholarship for a period of four or five years. The reason the couple chose the fields of music, physical therapy or veterinary science was they loved dogs and music. Also, Mary was primarily confined to a wheelchair from her high school days and Ed took her all over for physical therapy. Their home on the Chain O' Lakes included an old Steinway piano, and during his final days, Ed often listened to old record albums, reminiscing about his wife. Through the years, the couple had many dogs. The road on which they lived, Tammy Trail, was named after one of the first dogs the couple had, a German Shepherd named Tammy. Ed was described as a character, unique and frugal; He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and for many years, managed the Holiday Station in Waupaca. The couple wanted students to put this scholarship to good use, study hard, and get their degree.



Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Waupaca High School
- Planning to attend an accredited college, university, or technical college as a part-time or full-time student
- Involvement in extracurricular and community activities
- Demonstrated academic achievement, conscientious and hardworking, with potential to be successful in a college, university, or technical college setting
- Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree related to music, physical therapy, or veterinary science
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

- Up to four at a maximum of \$2,000 per year renewable scholarship award, for cost of attendance, for up to four years (total \$8,000) to a full-time student attending a four-year college or university.
- and/or**
- Up to four at a maximum of \$1,000 per year renewable scholarship award, for cost of attendance, for up to two years (total \$2,000) to a full-time student attending a two-year technical college.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by a committee consisting of the President of the Waupaca Board of Education or his/her designee, the Treasurer of the Waupaca Area Community Foundation, the President of the Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation, and the Superintendent of the Waupaca School System or his/her designee.

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 a full-time or part-time student status in good standing each year at an accredited college, university, or technical college.

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