

Stephanie Wittman Memorial Scholarship

Background:

Stephanie Mary Wittman was 13 years old and an eighth grader at Freedom Middle School when she was killed in a car accident on January 14, 2005. As a typical teenage girl, her life revolved around girlfriends, school, talking on the phone, shopping, music and boys.

Stephanie participated in every sport that was offered to her. She wasn't the greatest ball player or the fastest runner on the track, but she did excel as a cheerleader and was always encouraging her teammates on the court or from the bench. At one particular baseball game, she was playing the outfield position when the ball was batted her way. Everyone turned their heads and started cheering for her to catch the ball, only to see her in the field with her glove off fixing her ponytail. That was Steph!

Stephanie was kind and considerate to those around her. An example, which was shared with her family at her funeral, was when a mother and son, who the family did not recognize, came up to thank them for having such a kind daughter. They mentioned how Stephanie was volunteering her free time at school to help tutor this younger student. Her parents' hearts just swelled with pride. Stephanie did well academically and was praised by her teachers, whom she highly respected.

Stephanie's family continues her legacy through this scholarship, which is awarded to a student that has the same qualities as she had, well rounded, respected, fun loving and demonstrates school spirit! The first scholarship from this fund was given in 2009 to a member of Stephanie's graduating class.



Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipient)

- Graduating seniors from Freedom High School
- Planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, or technical school as a full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrated strong school spirit and involvement, and broad display of interests (well-rounded student)
- Respects and is respected by friends, classmates and teachers

Award Amount:

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition, payable in the fall semester.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Freedom High School 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=cffvr scholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvr scholar>). 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.

Further Information:

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