William J. Pokel Memorial Scholarship

Background:

Bill Pokel was an educator for over 33 years and a lifelong learner. He earned three separate degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was an avid supporter of his alma mater. Bill began his career as a middle school teacher and coach in Oconomowoc, then moved on to East Troy for his first administrative post. He served as an elementary school principal in Neenah from 1988 until his unexpected death in 2010. Throughout his career, he encouraged both students and staff to discover, develop, and share their unique gifts. The hallmarks of his leadership style reflected the ways he chose to live: with optimism, innovation, collaboration, and humor. Bill was passionate about his faith and his family, and proud to be an active member of this community.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Neenah High School who have graduated from Wilson Elementary School in Neenah
- Planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year university, college, or technical college as a full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA

Award Amount:

One non-renewable $1,000 scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Selection will be recommended by the Neenah High School Guidance Department.

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)*. 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 freshman year of college.

Further Information:

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