



# ARIENS FAMILY — FOUNDATION —



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## Steve (Mando) & Christine Ariens Engineering Scholarship

### Background:

The Ariens Family Foundation offers the engineering scholarship for students from the Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, Reedsville, Valders, and Wrightstown High Schools, as well as locations where AriensCo has remote employees of 1 year or longer. This scholarship has been established to honor Steve (Mando) and Christine Ariens.

Steve (Mando, 1899-1974) had a degree in metallurgy and an aptitude for machine design, but he drew his early product inspiration from time spent in the field with farmers and nurserymen around the country. It was his unique combination of technical skill and "salesmanship" that allowed his company to gain a foothold in the agricultural sector. Undeterred by the challenges facing a fledgling business in the post-Depression era, Steve guided his company through a world war and the boom that followed. As time passed, he continued to introduce products to meet the changing lifestyle needs of the American consumer. Steve's legacy of machines spanned four decades and included tillers, riding mowers, and the enduring Sno-Thro. Known for his efforts on behalf of an emerging power equipment industry, Steve was an advocate for industry-wide safety standards. Mando served as President of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute in 1965 and 1966. In 1967 he founded the Ariens Family Foundation to support both academic and vocational education in the state.

### Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Dependent high school seniors of employees of AriensCo employed for at least one year at any AriensCo location
- Also, graduating seniors from the following high schools:
  - Brillion High School
  - Chilton High School
  - Hilbert High School
  - Reedsville High School
  - Valders High School
  - Wrightstown High School
- Planning to attend a 4-year college or university a part-time or full-time student
- Planning to major in engineering
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Participation in school activities, community service and/or work experience
- Financial need will be considered

### Award Amount:

One renewable scholarship award of total \$20,000 for cost of attendance, renewable annually for 4 years in the fall as follows: 1st year: \$2,000, 2nd year: \$4,000, 3rd year: \$6,000, 4th year: \$8,000.

### Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Ariens Family Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.

### 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 Online Portal account updated with their current email address.

### Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to maintain a part-time or full-time status majoring in engineering with a cumulative 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale).

### Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
  - Website <https://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/>
  - Email [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org)
  - Phone 920.702.7629