

George H. Kesting Foundation Scholarship

Background:

The George Kesting Foundation was established in 1973 for the purpose of furthering the higher education of high school graduates with good character, who, without such aid might not be able to successfully pursue their education.

George lived in Appleton most of his life. He operated a farm located just east of Meade Street near Northland Avenue for many years prior to his retirement. George never married until he was in his 90's, so he did not have any children or close relative in his later years. He was a simple man with no more than a high school education. He sold most of his farm acreage for housing development following his retirement but continued to live the remainder of his life in a modest house on a corner of his former farm property.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from the following high schools:
 - o Appleton East High School
 - o Appleton North High School
 - o Appleton West High School
 - o Fox Valley Lutheran High School
 - Menominee Indian High School
 - o St. Francis Xavier High School
- Planning to attend a 4-year accredited college or university which has a course of study which leads to a B.A. or B.S. degree or the equivalent, as a full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Candidates should demonstrate good character and be a talented student who can best benefit from this scholarship
- Financial need will be considered (including income level and family contributions toward tuition, other financial aid)

Award Amount:

One \$2,000 renewable scholarship award for up to four years, payable annually in the fall (total \$8,000) for cost of attendance.

Selection:

Each high School will recommend one graduating senior to be interviewed by the George H. Kesting Scholarship Selection Committee.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the <u>Scholarship Portal</u> (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 with a minimum 2.5 GPA each semester.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - o Website <u>www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/</u>
 - o Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - o Phone 920.702.7629