

## Paul Keyes Memorial Scholarship



### Background:

The Paul Keyes Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Paul by his family members. During his years at Neenah High School, Paul participated in various sports, including track and field, and at one point held the pole vault record. After graduating from high school in 1978, Paul enlisted in the Navy, where he spent time in multiple locations, including Japan and California. After being honorably discharged, Paul returned home to Neenah where he joined the family business: Keyes and Sons Plumbing, that his father, Richard, started in April 1967. Paul became a master plumber at Keyes and Sons Plumbing and was loved by many customers because of his attention to detail and his passion to ensure the job got done right. He enjoyed being a plumber, and he was awesome at investigating plumbing issues and resolving them. Paul is remembered as always being willing to help others with their plumbing issues. In 1981, Paul was in a near-fatal car accident. He was able to recover because of his strong will. We are very fortunate that he healed from his injuries and was able to leave this legacy.

Paul and his wife, Rhonda, raised two daughters, Reilly and Caitlyn, in Larsen, WI. Both of them attended Winneconne High School and participated in powerlifting, cross country, and track & field. Paul loved watching his daughters compete and was their biggest "cheerleader"! Paul was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester. After the installation of the new boiler system, he became the person to maintain the heating and plumbing systems there. He also enjoyed talking to people who were a part of the congregation. He loved cooking, hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time at the family cottage. These were all things that were close to Paul's heart, and he was an avid Packer, Brewer and Badger fan. Paul believed there needs to be more people who work in trades. To follow in Paul's footsteps, it is his family's desire to help those in the future to practice a trade. This scholarship is open to any student who has a strong desire to work in the trades and become great at what they do.

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

- Graduating seniors from the following high schools:
  - Appleton East, North and West High Schools
  - Fox Valley Lutheran High School
  - Lourdes Academy
  - Menasha High School
  - Neenah High School
  - Omro High School
  - Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West High Schools
  - St. Francis Xavier High School
  - Winneconne High School
- Planning on pursuing a degree or certificate program in a skilled trades field at an accredited technical school, college or university in Wisconsin as a part-time or full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Work History
- Preference will be given to Neenah High School and Winneconne High School
- Financial need will be considered

### Award Amount:

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship award for cost of attendance and other necessary supplies for participation in the educational program, payable for the first semester of college.

### Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee along with a Keyes family representative.

### 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=cfvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfvrscholar>). 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 at an accredited technical school, college, or university in Wisconsin, pursuing a skilled trades program as a part-time or full-time student.

### Further Information:

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