



Tom & Joan Bonikowske Memorial Scholarship Fund

Background:

The *Tom & Joan Bonikowske Memorial Scholarship Fund* was established to honor Tom & Joan (Johnson) Bonikowske.

Tom and Joan met while attending Little Wolf High School and are both graduates, Tom with the Class of 1954 and Joan, the Class of 1955. Tom and Joan's three children, Scott, Tracy (O'Brien) and Paul are also graduates of Little Wolf High School.

After marriage, Tom and Joan began farming together, forming Fountain Creek Farms, Bear Creek. While Joan grew up on a farm and learned to milk cows, Tom grew up in the City of Manawa, and had to learn how to farm. Tom took courses through the UW extension to learn many aspects of agriculture. Tom and Joan's hard work and perseverance led to their successful farming operation.



The family would like to honor Tom & Joan, by providing financial assistance to a student who is pursuing a future in agriculture.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Little Wolf High School
- Planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or technical school as a part-time or full-time student
- Planning to pursue a degree in an agriculture related field
- Financial need will be considered as a secondary criterion

Award Amount:

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

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended by the Little Wolf 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=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 Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a part-time or full-time student for the fall semester of school pursuing a degree in an agriculture related field.

Further Information:

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