



David L. Nelson Scholarship Fund

Background:

David L. Nelson was born on July 5, 1921. He attended school in Kaukauna and graduated from Marquette University College of Business Administration. On September 6, 1943, he married Rita E. Randall of Milwaukee, WI. He served three years in the US Army during WWII with the 103rd Infantry Division in Europe. Following the service, he worked in the marketing department of the Western Condensing Company in Appleton, WI and served as a US Internal Revenue Agent in Green Bay.



In 1953 he was employed by both the Green Bay Newspaper Company of Green Bay, WI and Post Corporation of Appleton, WI, where he served as Chief Financial Officer and as a director of both corporations. In 1962, these corporations separated their ownership and David then devoted his interests solely to Post Corporation, where he served as a director and Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officer until 1984 when the corporation was sold. At the time of the sale Mr. Nelson was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of that firm.

In 1984 David purchased radio stations in Eau Claire, WI and subsequently purchased radio stations in Kirksville, MO, Marshalltown, IA, and Fargo, ND. He also acquired ownership in Holiday Travel Service of Eau Claire and Winnebago Color Press in Menasha, WI. He served as an officer and director of these firms until his death at age 96 in July 2017. David had a lifelong passion for lighthouses and was instrumental in the restoration of the Grassy Island Range Lights. He was an avid supporter of the historical preservation of the Fox River Valley and generously donated to many organizations.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating high school seniors from Kaukauna High School
- Planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university or technical school a full-time student
- Demonstrates capability to succeed in post-high school training
- Academic achievement
- Community involvement
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount

One \$3,000 non-renewable scholarship award for cost of attendance.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Kaukauna 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 full-time student for the first semester of freshman year of college.

Further Information:

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