

Scholarship Guidelines

Tom & Kathleen Krause Beane Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will use funds from the Tom & Kathleen Krause Beane Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation. Each scholarship awarded from that fund shall be designated as a Tom & Kathleen Krause Beane Memorial Scholarship.

Donor:

These scholarships are funded by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation made by Marilyn Krause Leccese, in memory of her sister, Kathleen (Kathy) Krause Beane and her husband Tom Beane.

Kathy and Tom graduated from Fort Atkinson High School and farmed in rural Fort Atkinson for nearly 50 years. They were enthusiastic promoters of agriculture, youth, and the Jefferson County community. Tom and Kathy played an active role in supporting young men and women who were interested in agriculture, including chaperoning National FFA Convention trips, and offering their farm as a learning environment for FAHS FFA members to raise their pigs and sheep. In addition, they were active volunteers with the Jefferson County Agri-Business Club, Jefferson County Dairy Promotion, Jefferson County Fair, June Dairy Month activities, FFA Alumni, Farm Progress Days, and World Dairy Expo.

This scholarship aims to continue Tom & Kathy's contributions to area youth and agriculture.

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarships for graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who are pursuing post-secondary education in agricultural-related fields. Students pursuing a four-year education from a college or university as well as those pursuing a one- or two-year technical school program in the designated fields of study are eligible.

Criteria:

1. The recipient may be a current high school senior, a college or university undergraduate, or a technical school student planning to/pursuing an education in agriculture, or an agriculturally related field (which can include horticulture, vet-tech, food sciences/services, animal sciences, small engine mechanics, etc.). Engineering majors are not eligible for this scholarship.
2. If the candidate is in an undergraduate program, they must be entering at least their second year when the scholarship payment is issued.

3. Recipients must be a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School. A Fort Atkinson High School graduate is defined as a person who has completed at least **four consecutive semesters** at the Fort Atkinson High School, culminating in graduation from high school after the fourth semester.
4. The recipient may attend a four-year degree granting college or university or attend a one-or two-year technical school.
5. Financial need may be considered in selection but is not required.
6. Recipients should exhibit good character, a strong work ethic, and evidence of making a difference in their school and/or community. One letter of recommendation from a person who can speak to the applicant's community involvement, citizenship, character and personality is required. Participation in extracurricular activities, work experience and community involvement may also be used as a means of determining these personality traits.
7. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application.
8. Preference will be given to candidates with involvement in FFA, 4-H, and other agricultural-related programs, both through extracurricular participation and/or work experience.

Selection:

1. Applicants will use the Community Foundation's online application process at fortscholarships.applicationssubmit.com. The application form requires a written essay, transcripts from educational institutions attended and one letter of reference from an adult who can speak to the applicant's academic ability, achievement and potential, and character.
2. The application process for this scholarship will be conducted annually.
3. The amount available for new awards will be determined each year by the Board of Directors of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation and communicated to the Foundation's Scholarship chairman. The amount will be based on a percentage of the fund's value, ensuring longevity of the fund to continue providing future scholarships. The number of awards will be determined by the Selection Committee based on the applications received and the funds available.
4. Recommended selections must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation.

5. The selection committee may recommend that no awards be given in a year if no qualified candidates apply.
6. The selection committee shall consist of (at a minimum) a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the School District of Fort Atkinson, and one or two members of the community at large recruited by the Scholarship Chairman of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation.
7. This scholarship will be included with the selection committee chosen to review other agriculturally related scholarships.
8. This scholarship is not automatically renewable, but recipients may apply again in subsequent years. Continued support of students in subsequent years is encouraged, assuming all selection criteria continue to be met.

Awarding of Scholarships:

1. Upon approval from the FACH Board of Directors, a letter will be prepared by the Scholarship Chairman of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation and presented to each recipient. The letter will detail the procedure by which the scholarship money is obtained.
2. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the school the recipient attends. Half of the award will be paid upon proof of enrollment. The second half will be paid after the student provides a grade report from the first grading period showing they are in good standing and includes proof of continuing enrollment.