

Gary and Bonnie Hamm Scholarship

Description

Gary and Bonnie Hamm opened the Gary and Bonnie Hamm Scholarship Fund at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation in 2023. Gary and Bonnie both spent their careers teaching in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Gary taught health and physical education as well as coaching track, softball, and basketball teams. Bonnie was a reading specialist and taught in the primary grades. The Hamms know that education and accompanying co-curricular participation are important and they wanted to ensure that future Fort Atkinson students could take advantage of the educational opportunities they have earned.

The scholarship is available to graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a 4-year **public** college or university.

Eligibility

Eligible students must meet all the following criteria:

- The recipient must be a graduating high school senior at Fort Atkinson High School.
 - A Fort Atkinson High School graduate is defined as a person who has completed at least four consecutive semesters at Fort Atkinson High School, culminating in graduation from high school after the fourth semester.
- Applicants must, at the time of application for the scholarship, have maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- Recipients must plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a 4-year **public** college or university.
- Financial need is not required to apply for the scholarship, but it may be considered by the review committee.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of the School District of Fort Atkinson (or his/her designee), one or two community members, and a member of the Hamm family, if available.

Selection will be based on the applicant's academic record as well as their involvement in extracurricular activities, particularly noting where they have taken leadership positions.