

V.C. & Blanche Helgren Martin Scholarship

Description

The V.C. and Blanche Helgren Martin Scholarship Fund was created at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation thanks to a gift from Patricia Soderholm in honor of her parents, a life-long learner and a teacher, both of whom appreciated the importance of a good education. Pat is a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School, Class of 1944.

The scholarship is available to graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who are currently enrolled as a full-time student in an undergraduate program or who are, or will be, enrolled as a graduate student. The recipient must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in the fields of English, Journalism, Theater, or other related language arts areas, as well as the field of architecture.

Full payment of the scholarship is made in one year; the scholarship is not renewable, but recipients may apply again in subsequent years.

Eligibility

Eligible students are graduates of Fort Atkinson High School who:

- Are either a college undergraduate with freshman, sophomore or junior standing at the time of application, or a graduate student.
- Are pursuing a bachelor's degree in the fields of English, Journalism, Theater, or other related language arts areas, as well as the field of architecture.
- Have maintained, at the time of application, a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in post-secondary study.

Selection

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

The committee will consider the applicant's academic record, application, the content of an essay outlining the applicant's plans, what he/she has done to prepare for the chosen education and career, initiative, and likelihood of success.

Financial need is not required for this scholarship, but need can be considered by the committee.