

Scholarship Guidelines

Lepley Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will use funds from the Lepley Memorial Scholarship Fund within the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation. Each scholarship awarded by that fund shall be designated as a Lepley Memorial Scholarship.

Donor:

These scholarships are funded by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation made by the Lepley family, in memory of their parents, Glenn & Barbara Lepley. Glenn served as the Principal of the Fort Atkinson High School for 25 years, from 1964 to 1989, overseeing approximately 5,625 students pass through the school.

Mr. Lepley was also an active member of the Fort Atkinson Lions Club for over 50 years and served as its president from 1971-72. In 1989, the club bestowed upon Lepley the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, Lions Club International's highest form of recognition.

Mr. Lepley also was extremely involved in humanitarian efforts for Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, through the local arm of the Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners of the Americas Program, which started in Fort Atkinson in 1968.

The Lepley's believed in education, hard work, community, protecting the environment, and generosity. This scholarship aims to continue Glenn's contributions to area educational and environmental efforts.

Purpose:

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

Criteria:

1. The recipient must be a current Fort Atkinson High School Senior planning to pursue a degree in education, environmental sciences, or a related field.
2. 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.
3. The recipient may attend a four-year degree granting college or university or attend a one-or two-year technical school.

4. Financial need may be considered in selection but is not required.
5. 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. Work experience and community involvement may also be used as a means of determining these personality traits.
6. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application.

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. The Babich/Lepley family may choose to designate a representative for the review committee.
7. This scholarship will be included with the selection committee chosen to review other education-related scholarships.

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. The full payment will be made after proof of enrollment for the fall semester has been provided to the foundation.