

Don Gruber Memorial Athletic Scholarship

Description

The Don Gruber Memorial Athletic Scholarship was established by the children of Don Gruber (1937-2023) to memorialize and honor the contributions their father made to the many student athletes who graduated from Fort Atkinson High School. Don was a longtime educator, varsity boys basketball coach and athletic director in the Fort Atkinson school district from the 1960s into the 1990s.

As the varsity boys basketball coach at Fort high school, he amassed a 311-113 record with seven Badger Conference Championships, seven WIAA Regional titles and a State Tournament appearance in 1981. Coach Gruber was elected into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and was an inaugural inductee onto the Fort Atkinson High School Athletic Wall of Fame.

Eligibility

Eligible students are graduating seniors of Fort Atkinson High School who:

- Have at least three seasons of involvement with either the high school's boys basketball team or girls basketball team, as players or managers.
- Have earned a minimum of two varsity letters in sports other than basketball.
- Have, at the time of application, a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Are planning to pursue a bachelor's degree at a 4-year college or university or enroll in a program at a technical college for an associate's degree or the two-year transfer program.
- Financial need is not required to apply for the scholarship, but it may be considered by the review committee

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of the Fort Atkinson High School Athletic Director, two high school coaches, the high school principal, and a member of the Gruber family, if available, or a community member if not.

Selection criteria include contribution to the team, commitment to the program, and work ethic.