

MFHS SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS 2023

Descriptions of local scholarships available to all seniors attending post-secondary education.

EITHER means you are applying to a college/university or a career/technical school.

(COLLEGE) means only available to two (2) or four (4) year college/university

(CAREER/TECHNICAL) is only for students attending a career/technical school as WCTC, MATC, an apprenticeship program or any form of post-secondary education.

READ EACH DESCRIPTION FOR SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Angeline Tarantino Memorial Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

This scholarship is given by the John Tarantino family in memory of our talented wife and mother, Angeline (Angie) Tarantino. This scholarship is available to any student attending a two or four-year college/university pursuing a career in Fine Arts. The applicant must be of sound moral character and in the top 50% of their class.

Band Orchestra Bunch Scholarship (either) (up to six) \$500

This scholarship is for students pursuing a music major/minor or who will participate in a collegiate level music activity. Any form of post high school education as long as student will continue to perform in a musical group and/or continue in an area of music education. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Barbara & Kenneth Semmann (college) (2) \$1,500

This scholarship is in honor of Kenneth and Barbara Semmann who were life-long educators. Mr. Semmann was an elementary administrator in Menomonee Falls. He and his wife Barbara were very active in education and enjoyed music. **Application must be entering the field of music, art or education.**

Ben Franklin PIE Alumni Scholarship (either) (4) \$500

Applicants must have attended Ben Franklin for at least three years. Student must demonstrate good citizenship through community involvement. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Cindy Graeber Memorial Scholarship (college) (2) \$2000

This scholarship was established in memory of Cindy Graeber, a 1977 graduate from Falls North High School. The basis for selection is a desire to continue your education, be involved in extracurricular activities, and show superior citizenship.

Community League College Scholarship (college) (4) \$1000

Applicant must be in the upper 30% of the graduating class. Community League's motto is "sharing, caring and fellowship." This scholarship is for tuition only. A student who receives a full tuition scholarship from another source is disqualified from receiving this scholarship. **Special question to be included with application. Please be very specific on application when describing your hours and involvement in extracurricular activities.**

Dr. Catherine (Riesch) Coyle “Respect Life Scholarship” (either) 12) \$1000

Applicants need to demonstrate a commitment to and respect for life. Scholarship will be based solely on the individual students' essay concerning respect for life and financial needs.

Scholarship may be used for any academic endeavor including college tuition, technical school tuition, or other formal training for a career after high school. **Special question to be included with application.—essay should be double-spaced Times New Roman 12 and range from (1) to two (2) pages.**

Dr. Jack Magnuson Memorial Scholarship (either) (1) \$1000

Dr. Jack Magnuson was a superintendent in the School District of Menomonee Falls for many years. He and his wife Mary were advocates for educating all children. This scholarship is for a deserving student in good standing and of high moral character.

Dr. Terrence Riesch Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

Applicant should be involved in various organizations, community service, top 50% of class.

Dan Cummings Fine Arts Scholarship (either) (1) \$1000

This scholarship is for a theatrical student who has been involved as cast or crew of any of the MFHS productions. Applicant should be a good student pursuing a theatrical or fine arts degree.

David and Ruth Ann Petroff Public Service Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

This scholarship is recognizing, David and Ruth Ann Petroff, retired and dedicated educators, who provided years of public service to the School District of Menomonee Falls. Applicant needs to be pursuing a career in education or some other form of public service.

Don Sutton Memorial Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

Don Sutton was a barber in Menomonee Falls for year and had a love for softball. This scholarship is for a senior who has played varsity softball for at least two years and been involved in other activities in and outside of school.

Don A. and Lolita Schneiders Family Memorial Scholarship (career/tech) (1) \$1000

The Schneiders Family has established this scholarship in memory of Don A. and Lolita Schneiders. Don served as a School Board Member. Lolita was an Assembly Representative and served the greater Menomonee Falls area for many years. They both contributed so much to the Menomonee Falls Community for years.

Falls Rotary Club Scholarship (career/tech) (1) \$500

Selection is also based upon extracurricular activities and teacher recommendations. Applicant may not be a son/daughter of a Rotary Club member.

Focus Credit Union Scholarship (either) (1) \$1000

Focus Credit Union would like to reach out to students who may not be academically at the top of their class, yet have demonstrated the willingness to learn, grow and improve their academic standing. Application must have participated in school activities.

G. A. Daugherty Business Scholarship (college) 5 @ \$2,500 for two (2) years

G. A. Daugherty was a successful certified CPA with various firms in the Milwaukee area. As a believer in her accounting field, her family is awarding these scholarships for a student primarily majoring in accounting and business. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Gail Sykora Memorial Scholarship (career/technical) (1) \$1000

This scholarship is given in honor of Gail Sykora, wife and mother, who was proud to be a *Taste of Home* field editor and who twice received the “Best Cook on the Block” award by the *Milwaukee Journal*. Gail was also a home décor perfectionist and her home was always decorated tastefully, for the season. This scholarship is for a student planning to further his/her skills and emphasis should be on culinary skills or interior design would be helpful, but not necessary. **Special question to be included with application.**

Greco Family Scholarship (either) (1) \$500

This scholarship is for a student who intends on attending a **four (4) year college or university** and has a financial hardship. The following is criteria: 4.0 or better grade point; one letter of recommendation from a Math, Science, Social Studies, Business, World Language, History, U.S. Government or English teacher; has been active in an after school activity including community service. **Special request to be included with application--**please explain or demonstrate your financial need and any financial barriers you may have in funding your college education.

Sheila Greco Scholarship will be available to a Quest student for \$500

Herb Otto Masonic Scholarship from Lincoln Lodge (either) (1) \$1000

Applicant must be in good standing, and have demonstrated leadership ability and service to school, community or church. Scholarship applicants need to staple a wallet size picture for publication to the application packet.

James H. and Lynn E. Zindl, Business Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

James (Jim) was a graduate of Menomonee Falls High before becoming owner of Oak Ridge Pheasant Ranch for many years which originated in Menomonee Falls and later moved to Sussex and now Watertown. He was a firm believer in education as he married a teacher and was always willing to give back to the Falls. Lynn a former MFHS business teacher and graduate of Whitewater have established this scholarship for a student attending the UW-Whitewater and majoring in business. Application must have taken at least four high school business classes and have been an active participant in FBLA. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Jeff Yohnk Memorial Skills Trade Scholarship (career/tech) (1) \$1000 for two years

Jeff was a graduate of Menomonee Falls High and his family has started a scholarship in honor of Jeff for someone interested in attending a career/technical college to obtain a trade degree. This scholarship is for an individual interested in machining, welding, carpentry, pipe fitting, etc.

Jim Schaller Memorial/Michael J. Schaller Scholarship Fund (career/tech) (1) \$1000

Jim Schaller served the School District of Menomonee Falls for years as a teacher, guidance counselor and coach. His son Michael established this scholarship in his honor. Applicant needs to be attending a career/technical school.

John Tarantino Memorial Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

This scholarship was established in memory of John Tarantino for students pursuing a career in ENGINEERING. John enjoyed a lifetime career at Briggs & Stratton as plant layout manager, and mentor to many students from Marquette and UWM. His second career after retirement was being involved with Shady Lane reading program. Many will remember him as “Grandpa John”, for which he received the Friends of Education Award. The applicant must be of sound moral character and in the top 50% of their class.

Jr. Phoenix Youth Baseball Scholarship (either) (2) \$500

Student should have played baseball for the Falcons or Junior Indians Program. Applicants must have a B average or better. Participation in service organizations, community service, and extracurricular activities are also considered. **Special question on application.**

Kaden Diehl Memorial Scholarship/Valley View (either) (1) \$600

Kaden Diehl was a young man known for his compassion and kindness to others. This scholarship is open to all Valley View Alumni in honor of a departed fourth grader. **Special question to be included with application.**

Karen J. Nelson Presidential Scholarship (either) (1) \$1500

Student must be in the top 30% of the class and be a varsity athlete in at least two sports. The student must also have demonstrated a dedication to volunteerism and leadership in school and in the community as Karen J. Nelson has demonstrated. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Kindness for Kaden (either) (2) \$500

This scholarship has been established in memory of Kaden Diehl who passed away unexpectedly in 2014 at the age of 10 ½ from Viral Myocarditis. He was a healthy boy who loved activities and helping others without recognition. Kindness for Kaden was started in his honor to give back to this amazing community by spreading kindness to others like Kaden would have done. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Mary C. Hebbring Memorial Scholarship (college) (2) \$500

This scholarship was established by Tia Hebbring, a 2019 graduate of Menomonee Falls High, in loving memory of her aunt, Mary, who died in 2017. Mary had a gentle demeanor and an innate ability to recognize those in need of compassion. She would be surprised and delighted to learn that her unselfish love was the inspiration for this award. This scholarship is funded by the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity-Beta Theta chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Alpha Phi Omega is a coed Service Fraternity that promotes the cardinal principles of leadership, friendship, and service. Students who receive a full tuition scholarship from another source are not eligible for this scholarship. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Mathnasium of Menomonee Falls STEM Scholarship (either) (1) \$300

This scholarship is for a students who have taken STEM classes or activities. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Menomonee Falls High School Booster Club Scholarship (either) (6) \$500-\$2000

The applicant or family must be a member of the Booster Club for 2022-2023 school year <https://fallsphoenix.org/join-the-booster-club>. The student must have participated in one sport or extracurricular club or activity during their junior or senior year. Students are required to volunteer the minimum three (3) shifts or eight (8) hours minimum of Booster Club Concessions, so please submit the Student Volunteer Record Sheet and attach with the Booster Club Scholarship Application. The student volunteer record sheet can be found on the Booster Club website. <https://fallsphoenix.org/booter-club>.

Menomonee Falls High School Class of 1972 Scholarship (either) (1) \$1072

This scholarship was established by members of the Class of 1972 as part of their 50th reunion for students proud to be graduating from Menomonee Falls High School. The funds for this scholarship were raised from 1972 graduates and seeks to serve as a legacy for their class. Applicant must be of sound moral character and in the top 50% of their class. **Special question to be included with application.**

Menomonee Falls High School Student Council Scholarship (either) Based on applicants
Student must presently be an active member of Student Council. **Special question to be included with application.**

Menomonee Falls Kiwanis Foundation Career/Technical Scholar. (career/tech) (1) \$1000

This scholarship is for a student planning to further their skills at a career/technical school. Applicant must be in good standing in the career/technical area of intended career objective.

Menomonee Falls Kiwanis Foundation Key Club Scholarship (either) (1) \$500

Applicant must be a Key Club member in good standing and actively involved in Key Club.

Menomonee Falls Scholarship & Educational Foundation (college) (TBD) \$1000-\$1500

College applicants must be in top 50% of class for college/university scholarship. The Foundation is looking for a student who has participated in various school activities or been active in the community.

Menomonee Falls Scholarship & Educational Foundation Career/Technical (C/T) (4) \$1000

This is for any career/technical school, or apprenticeship—like plumber, electrician
THERE IS NO GRADE POINT AVERAGE—JUST COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND
ANSWER THE SIX QUESTIONS, 2 Letters of Recommendation, Transcript

Menomonee Falls Youth Basketball Scholarship (either) (2) \$500/ 1male/1 female

One male, one female for the scholarship. Applicants should have participated in Menomonee Falls Youth Basketball program and/or Jr. Indians Basketball program for two (2) years or more as a player, referee, or other. **Special question to be included on application.**

Menomonee Falls Youth Wrestling Scholarship (either) (TBD) \$250

The applicant for this scholarship must have participated in the Menomonee Falls High School wrestling program. **Special questions to be included with application.**

North Middle School PTSO Alumni Scholarship (either) (2) college (2) career/tech. \$500

Applicants must have attended North Middle School. **Applicants must provide transcripts from both high school and North Middle School as proof of attendance.—Obtain from Mrs. Strupp in Student Services at high school.**

Optimist Club Scholarship—SPECIAL FORM ONLINE (college) (10) \$2,000, (2) \$1000 for a Quest student (Special instructions on website for Optimist)

Students applying for the Optimist Club Scholarship must have served in a voluntary capacity to be eligible for an Optimist Scholarship. Rank in top 50% of the class. Be of strong, moral character. The more extensively the student has given his/her time, the more weight such involvement will carry with the committee. All activity sheets must be verified by a supervisor, coach or employer. One of the scholarships will be for a son or daughter of a member. Please indicate on resume if you are a son or daughter of an Optimist Club member. **(Special instructions online) Complete the MFHS application, Optimist essay and add special form from Optimist.—Verification sheet on high school website.**

Pat Heitman Scholarship Fund (either) 10 (\$1,000)

Pat Heitman was a life-long Menomonee Falls resident and MFHS Alumni. He believed in community loyalty and hard work. This scholarship is for seniors who encompass these qualities and are in good academic standing. **Special questions to be included with application.**

R & R Insurance/Tony Sterr Memorial Scholarship (either) (1) \$1000

This scholarship was established in memory of Tony Sterr, an insurance agent with Associated Insurance. Applicants must be in the upper half of their class, involved in extracurricular activities, and entering a four-year college or career/technical majoring in Business, Finance or Insurance

Raymond Sella Memorial Scholarship (either) (1) \$500

This scholarship was established by a graduate of Menomonee Falls High School in memory of his father. **Applicants must have taken at least one career/tech course in high school. Special question on application.**

Riverside PIE Alumni Scholarship (either) (4) (amount to be determined)

Student must have attended Riverside Elementary School for at least three years, demonstrate good citizenship through involvement in community projects, and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university or career/technical school. The selected recipient must be willing to meet with Riverside students to discuss their education and career goals. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Ronald L. Burling Memorial Scholarship (college) (1) \$750

Mr. Burling was a math teacher and coach in the School District of Menomonee Falls for many years and his family has established this scholarship in his honor. This scholarship is for a student who will be **pursuing a degree in EDUCATION**. Applicants must be attending a Wisconsin school and need to have participated in at least one sport throughout high school (not just freshman year). **Special question to be included with application.**

Ruelle Family, LLC Scholarship (college) (2) \$1000

The Ruelle Family have long been supports of the students in the Menomonee Falls area. They are sponsoring two scholarships this year. One for a student who is selecting Human Resources and one for a student who will be choosing to be a Special Education Teacher.

Senior Girls Basketball Scholarship (either) (1) \$500

This scholarship is awarded to a senior girl basketball player who demonstrates leadership both

Shady Lane Elementary Scholarship (either) (3) \$600

Student must be a Shady Lane Elementary School, demonstrate good citizenship through involvement in community projects, and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university and 2-year career/technical school. The selected recipients must be willing to meet with Shady Lane students to discuss their education and career goals. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Sidney Truckenbrod Memorial Scholarship (either) (1) \$750

Sidney Truckenbrod was a longtime educator, administrator in the School District of Menomonee Falls and a true supporter of students in SDMF. His family has started this scholarship to honor his memory. Sid's passion was math and ACT. **Special questions to be included with application.**

Stavrakis Family Scholarship (career/tech) (1) \$1000 up to 4 semesters \$4000

The Stavrakis Family Scholarship is a final giving request of Jeffrey Stavrakis. He was the son of a single mother who became a certified electrician and self-taught handyman for home and car maintenance. His desire was to help fund the dream of those in difficult situations as they pursue a career in the trades, such as electrician or plumber, etc. **Special question to be included with application.**

The Michael Carini Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

Michael Carini was a graduate of Menomonee Falls High and UW-LaCrosse and his family has created this scholarship in his memory. Applicants need to be attending UW-LaCrosse.

Tietz Family Scholarship (career/tech) (3-5) \$1000

Lew and Alice Tietz have been supporters and active members of the Menomonee Falls community for many years and recently Lew passed away. All of their children attended Menomonee Falls High and the family has established this scholarship for a student attending a career/technical school.

Valley View Elementary Alumni Scholarship (either) (3) \$600

Student must have attended Valley View Elementary School for at least three years, demonstrate good citizenship through involvement in community projects, and plan to attend a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university or career/technical school. The selected recipients must be willing to meet with Valley View students to discuss their education and career goals. **Special questions to be included with application. See Kaden Diehl Scholarship for another Valley View Alumni Scholarship.**

VanderHorst Leadership Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

Applicants for the VanderHorst Scholarship should have been leader in high school. This could have been by providing a leadership role in sports, club, activities or outside organizations. **Special questions to be included with application.**

WaterStone Bank Scholarship (college) (1) \$1,000

WaterStone Bank will offer one scholarship to be utilized by a student who needs financial encouragement for further education. This scholarship is available for a student who demonstrates the desire and character to achieve further education. Particular attention will be given to students who have recently shown a trend toward improved performance or interest, thus demonstrating growth and potential. **There is no specific grade point average required.**

Wick Family Engineering Scholarship (college) (1) \$1000

The Wick Family Engineering Scholarship is established for a student who is pursuing a career in engineering. **Special question to be included with application.**

Wisconsin Test Prep Scholarship (either) (4) \$500

This scholarship is for students who have taken the ACT Prep Course. The course fees fund this scholarship. **Special question to be included with application.**

Yohnk Family Engineering Scholarship (college) (1) \$4000, (\$1,000 yr. for 4 yrs.)

As former graduates from Menomonee Falls, the Yohnk family are sponsoring a college scholarship for a student majoring in engineering. An interview will be conducted by phone or in person after applications are reviewed.

Young Rembrandts “Power of Drawing” Scholarship (either) (1) \$543.21

The applicant must have taken at least one, six-week session of Young Rembrandts Classes as an elementary student. **Special question to be included with application.**