

Elmer and Margaret Otte Family Fund

Background:

Elmer Otte wanted to help students from his hometown of Kaukauna attend Lawrence University in Appleton and create their own path in life, as he had. His is a classic story of giving back. Otte attended Lawrence University in the early 1930s as a Kaukauna farm boy, thanks to a Henry Wriston Scholarship.

Elmer and Margaret were married in October 1934, sharing 62 years together. Margaret was an active community volunteer, involved in numerous organizations.

Over his career, Elmer was a public relations professional, newspaperman, author, poet and a founding director of the

Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. A bequest from their estate created the Elmer and Margaret Otte Family Fund. Their two children describe this scholarship fund in their parents' names as "continuing the tradition."

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kaukauna High School
- Planning to attend Lawrence University
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Hard working student who has creative ability and an interest in writing
- Participation in extracurricular activities at school
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Selection will be recommended by the Kaukauna High School Scholarship Selection Committee based on the eligibility criteria listed above.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the <u>Scholarship Portal</u> (https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents *as instructed* in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register at Lawrence University as a full-time student for the first semester of freshman year of college.

Further Information:

- Kaukauna High School Guidance Department
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website <u>www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/</u>
 - o Email <u>scholarships@cffoxvalley.org</u>
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