

Cooney Simon Memorial Scholarship

Background:

Cooney (Marion) Simon passed away in December 2014. Cooney lived a large life that was filled with remarkable stories. The best Cooney stories - like the one where she jumped a fence on Christmas Eve to steal a Christmas tree for a family in need - were those that displayed her endless generosity. Of all the elements that made Cooney who she was, the most noteworthy of all was just how much she gave. She was known for overloaded car rides to 24-hour kitchen service for broken families; for taking down-on-their-luck strangers into her home; she was known for a lifetime of service to Special Olympic, Loaves and Fishes, St. Vincent De Paul, and St. Mary's school and Church.



Cooney gave to everyone and everything she could. She was generous beyond measure. She gave to her children, doted on her grandchildren, and was a loving and thoughtful friend. She gave, hand over fist, to every community she was a part of. This boundless generosity was central to who she was.

Cooney lived a good life. She spent her days surrounded by family, friends, and devoting her life to something larger than herself. This scholarship was established by her loving family to benefit a student who lives life like Cooney did.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kaukauna and Kimberly High Schools
- Planning to attend an accredited college/university or technical college as a full-time student
- Preference will be given to students who demonstrate genuine service to their communities (big or small) and who go above and beyond required volunteer hours

Award Amount:

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award, payable during the first semester of the freshman year of college.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by a Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee along with a family member.

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<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 Online Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student at an accredited college/university or technical college for the first semester of freshman year of college.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/
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 - Phone 920.702.7623