

Kaukauna Community Family of Funds Leo and Frances Driessen Family Scholarship Fund

Background:

Leo and Fran Driessen originally established this scholarship in honor of their son, Chris Driessen. Chris died suddenly on September 12, 1997. Chris graduated from Kaukauna High School and pursued a degree at UW-Stout. He received the Gold Medallion award for Outstanding Academics and all-around student. He went on to receive two master's degrees.

After Leo and Frances passed away, the family wanted to update the scholarship as a family scholarship to also honor their parents/family. Leo and Frances were married in 1946 and had 5 children. Fran and Leo traveled extensively and held fond memories of their trip to France. Over the years, Fran was very involved in the affairs of the church and donated countless hours of her time to various committees and organizations.

Leo eagerly embraced life and all the opportunities and challenges it offered, accepted difficulties and painful losses, and epitomized his belief that people don't stop playing, working, and learning because they get old; they get old because they stop playing, working and learning. He remained active until well into his 95th year.

Honorably discharged after three years in the Pacific during World War II, Leo later joined the Army Reserves, retiring in 1967 as a Command Sergeant Major. He participated in the Honor Flight to the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC in 2010. Leo and his friend Oscar Boldt were founding members of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.



Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kaukauna High School planning to pursue a post-secondary education at a technical college or a 2-year college as a full-time student
- Demonstrated working to their highest potential (not necessarily a 4.0 GPA)
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by the Kaukauna High School Scholarship Selection Committee.

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 Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

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

Further Information:

- Kaukauna High School Guidance Department
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/
 - Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - Phone 920.702.7629