

Don Loker Scholarship

Background:

This scholarship was established in honor and memory of Don Loker, a 1959 graduate of Appleton West High School. While in high school, he competed in track and field, winning the Class A state mile in 1958 and 1959. Don went on to the University of Wisconsin, where he was a three-year letter winner in cross country and track and field from 1960 to 1963, competing mainly in the mile run. After graduating in 1963, he taught mathematics at Madison West High School until his retirement in 1998.

Don coached cross country and track and field for most of his career at Madison West and was also the athletic director for four years. After retiring from teaching, Don continued to work athletic events; mainly cross county, track and field, and gymnastics but also swimming, tennis and golf.



A humble man, Don was never one to brag or talk much about his life at school. Throughout his time as a coach, he received many awards and accolades including a plaque from a rival track team thanking him for his unselfish efforts in the encouragement and support of young athletes regardless of the school. They noted that he was an inspiration to them all. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind from a career that meant so much.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Appleton West High School
- Planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited 2-year technical school as a part-time or full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Preference given to students who participated in extracurricular activities
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One \$1,500 non-renewable scholarship award for cost of attendance for the first semester of college.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by the Community Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee.

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 as a part-time or full-time student at an accredited 2-year technical school for the first semester of freshman year of college.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website <u>www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/</u>
 - Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
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