

Nicolet Grandpa Education Degree Scholarship

Background:

Norman Van Hulle was born near Oconto, WI in 1924. He used his Valedictorian Scholarship to begin his career as a Project Engineer, which culminated in being one of the five founding fathers of Custom Machinery Design (CMD) in Appleton. The company grew to employ over 100 full time employees.

After his retirement in 1992 at age 67, Norman “Grandpa” Van Hulle pursued his first love – education. He visited his grandson’s first-grade classroom at Nicolet Elementary School in Menasha to teach staff members how to operate the school’s new computers. He found so much more to do there - from tutoring children who’d fallen behind to grading papers for busy teachers - that he decided to volunteer regularly, which he did every morning until he was no longer able to in 2014.



Norman set up an education fund for each of his 10 grandchildren and created a 529 tuition savings plan for each of his great-grandchildren. Since 2003 when Norman was awarded the Daniel P. Spalding Volunteer Educator Award, he has presented an annual \$1,000 scholarship award to a Menasha High School graduate that was pursuing a degree in teaching. Norman established the Nicolet Grandpa Education Degree Scholarship Fund, to continue into perpetuity, and to honor the hundreds of “Nicolet grandchildren” he loved so much.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Menasha High School
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student, pursuing a degree in teaching
- Involvement with children
- Community and school activities
- Work history
- Preference may be given to a student who attended Nicolet Elementary School in Menasha and/or students who are planning a career in elementary teaching
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award for cost of attendance.

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Menasha 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 freshman year of college pursuing a degree in teaching.

Further Information:

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