

Dr. Leonard Weis Earth & Environmental Sciences Scholarship

Background:

This scholarship is established to honor Leonard Weis by Captain Greg Neuschafer as a token of his appreciation for the Professor Emeritus of Geology & Geography of the University of Wisconsin Fox Valley. Affectionately known by his students as “Doc Rock,” Leonard Weis was known for his teaching style which integrated scientific observation and field studies which made theories come alive through practical examples. His class field trips to the Grand Canyon were routinely filled to enrollment capacity. Dr. Weis was genuinely student focused as he shared his love of geology and geography. After retirement, Dr. Weis founded the Weis Earth Science Museum at the UWO Fox Cities campus as a way of continuing his passion for educating people about the importance of the earth and environmental sciences for all.



Dr. Leonard Weis (right) and Greg Neuschafer (left) on a class field trip.



A most grateful student of Dr. Weis is Captain Greg Neuschafer, a retired U.S. Navy Oceanographer. Over a 36-year career, he utilized the mapping and geology skills gained from Doc Weis’ classes to make navigation charts in the Caribbean Sea, as well as map the gravity, magnetics, and bathymetry of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge north of Bermuda to Iceland. He used photographic skills gained from Doc’s “Photography for Scientific Illustration” course, to photograph manatees when he led an endangered marine mammal census for UNESCO, to photo-document the Grey Whale winter migration south along the Monterey Peninsula for the California Fish and Game Commission. His other accomplishments include publishing more than a dozen technical reports and scientific papers and organizing hydrographic survey boat camps. Greg has served as a science fair judge at 265 competitions over 40 years and taught the Boy Scout oceanography, geology, and environmental science merit badges, including at three National Jamborees. He has mentored 11 Eagle Scouts.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating high school seniors, continuing college or non-traditional students from the Fox Valley area and are planning to attend a UW institution as a part-time or full-time student.
 - *Fox Valley is defined as the Community Foundation’s service area: Calumet, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca and Neenah-Menasha area of Winnebago counties*
- Majoring in environmental or earth sciences
- Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Preference will be given to continuing or non-traditional students and veterans

Award Amount:

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship award for cost of attendance, payable for the fall semester

Selection:

Recipients are recommended each spring by the Community Foundation 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 Online Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to maintain a part-time or full-time status majoring in environmental or earth sciences.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
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