

Shawano Area Community Foundation Willis & Norma Elsner Scholarship Fund

Background:

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Willis and Norma Elsner to provide scholarships for graduates of Shawano Community High School by Benjamin (Ben) Elsner, son, and Lynnae Zahringer, daughter. Ben graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2000. Norma passed in 2022 with Willis preceding death in 1996. Willis & Norma loved going to concerts and musicals on a regular basis. They also encouraged their children to take up musical instruments growing up.



Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating high school seniors from Shawano Community High School
- Minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA
- Financial need will be considered
- Preference for students who have participated in band for at least 2 years
- Preference for students majoring in music (but not a requirement) at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university as a full-time student

Award Amount:

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

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by the Shawano Community 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 majoring in music for the first semester of college.

Further Information:

- Shawano Community High School Guidance Office
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
 - Website www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/
 - Email scholarships@cffoxvalley.org
 - Phone 920.702.7623