



Peter & Marie Ruys Scholarship

Background:

Kimberly, Wisconsin was home to Peter and Marie Ruys and their five children. Peter graduated from Kimberly High School and trained as a machinist before leaving to serve his country on a Navy submarine in World War II. He returned in 1945 and worked at Kimberly-Clark and Repap Paper Mill, retiring in 1984. He served on the Vocational School Board, finding time to be a wood worker, gardener, and frequent blood donor. He was a quiet gentleman dedicated to serving his family, neighbors and community.

Pete settled in Kimberly with his wife Marie Schneider of Hollandtown, whom he married in 1947. As a wife and mom, Marie strongly believed that volunteerism and community involvement enhances family life and encourages life-long community participation. She was a pioneer and advocate for women and was elected as the first woman on the Kimberly School Board, serving five terms. She served on many Outagamie County boards and committees and was instrumental in bringing Highway 441 to fruition in the Fox Cities, as well as the Kimberly Business Park. In 2002, the Village of Kimberly awarded Marie the inaugural "Marie Ruys Citizenship Award" which continues to recognize worthy community activists.



The couple made a significant donation to build a scenic platform overlooking the Fox River in Sunset Park, a vision Marie had longed to see for 20 years. Later, Marie donated funds to start the development of a school forest classroom on the Kimberly High School campus.

While neither Peter nor Marie attended college, they realized the value of higher education. They were both avid readers, educating themselves on many topics and issues. Pete lived to be 89, and Marie lived to almost 98. In their long lifetimes, the couple did whatever they could to make their community better and stronger, and their hope was that young people will follow in their footsteps.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating seniors from Kimberly High School planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or technical school as a full-time student
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrated upstanding moral character and values, leadership skills, strong work ethic and a generous spirit and willingness to share time and talent with the community
- Involvement in community and school activities
- Financial need will be considered

Award Amount:

One non-renewable \$750 scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by the Kimberly 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 at an accredited two- or four-year college/university or technical school for the fall semester following high school graduation.

Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
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