



## Information Needed for Scholarship Bulletin

For the first time last year, the Marshfield Area Community Foundation published a comprehensive list of scholarships available to Marshfield seniors and residents. This year our plan is more ambitious. We are asking neighboring schools in communities served by the Foundation to submit their scholarships for publication as well. In addition to Marshfield, this year's bulletin also will include descriptions of scholarships offered to students within an area bounded by Neillsville to the west, Owen, Withee, and Abbotsford to the north, and south again including Spencer, Stratford and Auburndale. The bulletin will be distributed throughout this area in mid-February.

Our primary source of scholarship information are the guidance departments of high schools serving these communities. Counselors in those schools are doing a great job of gathering together the information we need. Any project like this, however, is imperfect. Many families, clubs, businesses, and organizations offer scholarships that sometimes fall between the publicity cracks. Despite their best efforts and best intentions and for whatever reason, some scholarships fail to get the publicity they deserve. To help correct this problem, the Foundation is appealing directly to private scholarship sponsors to share information about their scholarships with us as well as with schools, media, and other means of dissemination.

The scholarships we list in our bulletin have this in common: They are local. By that I mean they benefit students exclusively in the area described above. If a scholarship is the result of some sort of competition that could be awarded to an area student but might just as likely be given to someone in Cincinnati, we're not interested. However, if the scholarship sponsor guarantees that a student in Cincinnati and this area will be given a scholarship, well, I guess that's ok. We'll take that one.

What we need is a short description of the scholarship that includes the following:

**Scholarship name** (and sponsoring organization, if applicable)

**Basic criteria** (i.e., graduating seniors of a certain school; non-traditional students; students who have excelled in a certain area; only students with financial need; promising students with an exceptional circumstance; boys/girls only; students pursuing a particular field of study; etc. Keep this brief. More complete details are usually contained in the application.)

**Where to obtain an application** (high school guidance office; UW-Marshfield/Wood County; Mid-State Technical College; online; by mail at a particular address; etc.)

### Application deadline

#### Dollar value of the scholarship (optional)

*(We will email you an MS-Word template of the above if you like. See our email address below.)*

Last year's bulletin seemed to be very well received. At the Community Foundation, for example, we had more applications for our non-traditional scholarships than ever before. (By non-traditional, we mean scholarships that are being offered to people who have been out of high school for a period of time or who have interrupted their education for whatever reason.)

We are very proud of last year's collaboration that led to the first community scholarship bulletin. The guidance or student service people from UW-Marshfield/Wood County (and the University Foundation), Mid-State Technical College (and their foundation), Columbus High School, and Marshfield High School put a lot of effort into gathering the information we needed. We are looking forward to the contributions from many more school districts this year and hope we unearth information on many more scholarships from the area.

And one more thing: If you want to be sure your scholarship is included in the bulletin, please, please send us the information we need no later than the end of next week!

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