



## HAROLD F. BREIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE FOND DU LAC AREA FOUNDATION

Harold F. Breit dedicated 33 years (8 as a math teacher and 25 as an elementary principal) to the betterment of public education for his community and all those impacted by it. It is in this spirit that this scholarship is being established.

Harold graduated from Mayville High School and UW-Oshkosh where he majored in education. This education, in combination with life experiences, served as the foundation for his passion for education, sense of integrity, and commitment to the community.

Harold believed that a person's values were best demonstrated through their actions; by what they did, not what they said. This was proven by his dedication to family, loyalty to lifelong friends, and active involvement in many community causes and organizations. His actions as an educator supported his deep personal belief that it was his responsibility to assure that the best interest of the kids, teachers and of the school were always paramount; that "politics" would not supersede "doing the right thing".

Harold enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and "the old guys", doing whatever he could to help enrich their lives. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, having a pun for every situation.

Harold enjoyed 15 years of retirement. Much of that time was spent taking a lazy afternoon float in the pool in Florida or at his cabin in the north woods where he enjoyed the quiet and solitude of life without "too much noise". He enjoyed reading and all things in nature, whether it was feeding the birds, fishing, hunting, four wheeling or simply looking out at the lake.

After his death, one of his former students sent the following condolence, "I don't remember all of my teachers but I certainly remember 'Mr. Breit' as a kind but demanding and caring teacher. It was important to him that we learned the lessons he taught. He was a positive influence not only on me, but I'm sure on all of his students". This is proof of the importance educators play in shaping the lives of all of us.

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Harold Breit Scholarship will be awarded to a passionate student majoring in education and pursuing a baccalaureate degree who will be entering their senior year of college. Senior year status will be determined by number of credits needed to graduate vs. number of credits completed. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Fond du Lac High School and one \$500 to a graduate of Mayville High School.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following student criteria:

- Entering senior year or in senior year status pursuing baccalaureate degree in education
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a four-point scale verified by certified college transcript
- Declared major in the field of education
- Financial need
- Clear demonstration of a passion for teaching "Position passionate personality"
- Personal statement (400 words maximum) answering the following questions:
  1. Why are you pursuing a degree in education and what do you hope to accomplish in this chosen field?
  2. Describe your need for financial assistance to finish your degree.
  3. Describe how you demonstrate your passion for helping others and for the field of education.

**RETURN BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> TO:**

**The Fond du Lac Area Foundation  
384 N. Main St. – Suite 4  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935**

Decision of the scholarship committee is final. Recipients will be notified.

