



Fond du Lac Area Foundation

Jim Gescheidle Custodial Scholarship

The Jim Gescheidle Scholarship Fund was established by Mary Gescheidle in memory of her husband, Jim Gescheidle, who was killed in a plane accident on November 4, 2002. The life Jim Gescheidle led and shared with others is the reason this scholarship exists today. Jim believed in encouraging people to challenge themselves, something he himself did every day. He never settled for anything he knew, that with some extra work, could be made better. He lovingly lived his senses. His sense of duty led him to serve in the U.S. Army in France. His sense of community led him to Big Brothers/Big Sisters where he and his wife, Mary, served as a Big Couple for 21 years, supporting his commitment to making a child's life better. His sense of leadership guided him to lead many organizations, including the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. His sense of enthusiasm and sport led him to immerse himself in the NASCAR racing circuit. His desire for challenge led him to help create a state-of-the-art high school facility in Fond du Lac, making it one of the finest school districts in the United States.

He imposed no barriers in his mind, nor in his life. He was happy to learn from anyone who would teach him. He never saw others as barriers or opponents, but as collaborators, team members, and soon-to-be friends. He treated all people with respect and a rare genuineness that was impossible not to feel when you were near him.

So in the end, we've created this scholarship to encourage others to live in the spirit that Jim did... to live life without barriers, to conquer new challenges, and to make a difference. Jim's life traveled many roads, made many friends, and touched many hearts. For those who knew and loved him, he will be greatly missed. Thank you, Jim, for everything.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- a graduating senior of Fond du Lac High School who has participated in the Student Custodial Program established by Jim Gescheidle or a graduating senior of Fond du Lac High School who has a parent/guardian that is currently working as a custodial or maintenance worker in the Fond du Lac School District. Students who qualify for the Jim Gescheidle Custodial Scholarship may also apply for the Jim Gescheidle Scholarship.
- minimum of B average based on high school transcript
- school involvement
- community involvement
- written statement (350 words or less) including your personal attitude toward life, goals for the future, how you plan to finance your education, and any special circumstances relative to financial need
- financial need

APPLICANT MUST

Submit a **CERTIFIED** high school senior year transcript

Mail applications to: Fond du Lac Area Foundation

384 N. Main Street – Suite 4

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Applications must be postmarked or received by March 31.

II. ACTIVITIES

School Involvement/Extracurricular Activities	9th	10th	11th	12th
Community Service/Involvement	9th	10th	11th	12th

Personal Statement (300 Words or Less) - Attach statement to application

It should cover the following items:

- Your goals for the future
- Your personal philosophy about life/attitude toward life
- Plan for financing your education and any special financial circumstances you have

A certificate of recognition will be presented to the scholarship recipient at the High School Scholarship Awards Ceremony usually held in May.

Upon proof of enrollment, the scholarship check will be sent to the recipient -payable jointly to the recipient and the college of choice.

Decision of the Scholarship Committee is Final. Winners will be notified.