



Jim & Mary Gescheidle Scholarship of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation

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, both served as a Big Couple for 21 years, supporting their commitment to making a child's life better. Mary and Jim belonged to many organizations, including the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs and the NASCAR racing circuit. On April 1, 1986 Mary and Jim were awarded the Exchange Club Good Deeds Award. This award recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of their time and talents toward making their communities better places to live.

Mary Gescheidle passed away unexpectedly on December 17, 2013. At that time the scholarship was renamed the Jim & Mary Gescheidle Scholarship. Mary helped throughout the Fond du Lac School District from 2004-2008. In 2008 she was hired to work full time for School Health and Safety Program, Comprehensive Service Integration (CS) and Drug Free Communities. Mary was not only dedicated to her work but she was committed to vision and mission of the program which was to support the physical, social and emotional needs of children.

Mary & Jim loved family, friends, Disney, and life itself. Mary's untimely death weighs heavy on all the lives she has touched. Her passing was made easier knowing she was reunited with the love of her life!

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
- 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
- ***applicants of the Jim Gescheidle Custodial Scholarship for students who have participated in the Student Custodial Program or who have a parent/guardian that is currently working as a custodial or maintenance worker in the Fond du Lac School District may apply for both scholarships.***

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.

Jim & Mary Gescheidle

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Telephone _____
Last First

Address: _____

_____ City State Zip

Email Address: _____

High School Attending: _____

What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend?

Have you been accepted? Yes____ No____

Name of Parents/Guardians or Nearest Relatives _____

I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

List other dependents in family with ages: _____

Gross income of parents:	Under \$30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$30,000 to \$60,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$60,000 to \$80,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$80,000 to \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Over \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant's gross income:\$ _____ Other sources of income: _____
(savings, etc.)

II. ACTIVITIES

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

Personal Statement (350 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.