

Keith & Ellen Kapphahn Family Scholarship

Keith and Ellen Kapphahn were involved in education for many years: Keith served as Greenbush School Superintendent from 1975 – 1989 and Badger School Superintendent from 1979-1989, Ellen was a piano teacher and accompanist. This scholarship fund is based on their belief that post-secondary education (at a college/university or trade school) offers the best opportunity for students to have a more fulfilling life.

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The Keith & Ellen Kappahn Family Scholarship (Scholarship) is a scholarship offered through the Greenbush Area Community Fund, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF). The Scholarship will provide (2) scholarship(s) to qualified high school students from Minnesota Independent School District #2683 (Greenbush-Middle River) and (1) scholarship to qualified high school students from Minnesota Independent School District # 676 (Badger), or their successors, who are pursuing post-secondary education through a college, university, technical or community college or other accredited not-for-profit technical or vocational education/training institution. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition and books or direct educational material expenses.

Eligibility Requirements

- The student must have or will graduate from ISD #2683 (Greenbush-Middle River High School) or from ISD #676 (Badger High School) its successors. Preference will be given to current graduating students (seniors).
- The student must intend to pursue post secondary education through a college, university, technical or community college or other accredited not-for-profit technical or vocational education/training institution within six months of the award.
- Financial need may be considered in awarding the scholarship, but is not an eligibility requirement.
- The student will have a minimum “C”, or its equivalent, high school grade point average, and demonstrate a willingness to advance in education.
- Successful candidates will have some participation, involvement, or demonstrated positive leadership qualities in the following types of activities:
 - School organized extra-curricular or volunteer activities
 - Non-school work positions
 - Community or church activities
- Previous recipients may reapply for a second year scholarship. Scholarship renewals are not guaranteed, since priority will be given to graduating seniors who apply.

Application Process:

The student applicant will provide the selection committee with the following information:

- A completed application form available from the high school counselor or NMF.
- A record of grades and attendance for grades 9-12. Student transcript from school of graduation is acceptable. A high grade point average is not critical for applying for this scholarship. Grade point may be considered in the selection process, but WILL NOT be considered at the application stage.
- A copy of the letter of acceptance or dated letter of application to the college the student has chosen to attend.
- Applicant will provide a short statement (300 words) illustrating the benefits of serving your school, community, and/or country.
- Previous recipients applying for a second year scholarship must provide proof of successful completion of the first year and enrollment for the second year.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or member of the community other than family members. This letter should point out personal attributes the student has that would make her/him a good candidate for this scholarship.

Review Criteria:

1. Financial need may be considered in awarding this scholarship.
2. Demonstration of fitness and readiness for college and a strong desire or likelihood of succeeding.
3. Student's education/community involvement/work experiences as they relate to preparation for post secondary education.
4. For previous recipients, proof of successful completion of the first year and enrollment for the second year.

Selection and Award Protocol:

1. The scholarship selection will be made in accordance with the terms of this scholarship and the general selection policies, procedures, and guidelines established by the Greenbush Area Community Fund Advisory Committee.
2. Announcement of the scholarship selection shall be made in a letter from NMF to the successful applicant. This announcement shall also be made at an award event.
3. The recipient must give written permission to publicize the award in the local media.
4. The recipient is strongly encouraged to send a written acknowledgement and note of gratitude to NMF within 30 days of the award of the scholarship. This letter will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee.
5. The award check will be issued to the educational institution for the student after NMF is presented with BOTH a transcript of the first semester grades and a tuition bill or class schedule for the second semester.
6. The award must be used in the year it is presented and may not be carried over to a following year. It is forfeited if not used when stipulated.
7. If a scholarship recipient changes or transfers to another educational institution they are asked to notify NMF immediately.
8. If the first choice of the selection committee fails to attend college as scheduled, the award may be transferred to a second candidate.

Questions regarding the scholarship or the application should first be directed to:

Career Counselor
Badger School
110 Carpenter Ave., P.O. Box 68
Badger, MN 56714
218-528-3201

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**Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Keith & Ellen Kapphahn Family Scholarship Fund
Badger Scholarship Application**

Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Student Mobile Phone: (____) _____

School you will attend: _____
(Attach a copy of letter of acceptance or dated letter of application.)

Recommended by: _____

Relationship to the student: _____
(Please enclose letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope.)

On an attached sheet of paper, please submit:

- *Applicant will provide a short statement listing your involvement in community activities (church, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc)*
- *Applicant will write a brief paragraph about why you think you should be awarded this scholarship.*

After reading the stipulations below, please initial each statement, sign and date this form.

I agree to have my transcript, GPA, etc. examined by the committee. _____

I have provided a copy of my high school transcript. _____

I give permission to have the award publicized if I am selected. _____

I understand that I must provide NMF with proof of attendance (second semester class schedule or tuition bill) and successful completion of the first semester of college (transcript) before the scholarship will be distributed. _____

I have enclosed a sealed letter of recommendation from a faculty member or a member of the community. The letter of recommendation will include the writer's name, address, and telephone number, should the selection committee have further questions. _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed applications with attachments to:

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