

The Fireside Theatre Scholarship

Description

The Fireside Theatre Scholarship Fund was created by a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation by Ryan and Kristi Klopčic of The Fireside Theatre. Ryan and Kristi, both graduates of Fort Atkinson High School, wanted to provide financial assistance to local students and encourage them to pursue studies that support The Fireside Theatre's mission of hospitality and entertainment. This scholarship is open to graduating seniors at Fort Atkinson High School, former Fort Atkinson High School graduates, or students who have worked at The Fireside, who are pursuing, or are planning to pursue, an education in theatre, music, hospitality, retail or culinary fields at an accredited 4-year college or university or two-year technical or vocational school.

Full payment of the scholarship is made in one year.

Eligibility

Eligible students are:

- Either:
 - A graduating senior at Fort Atkinson High School, or a former graduate of Fort Atkinson High School, who are currently, or planning to, pursue an education in theatre, music, hospitality, retail or culinary fields, or
 - A current, or former, employee of The Fireside Theatre, in which case there is no subject of study restriction
- The recipient must be pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited 4-year college or an associate's degree at a technical or vocational school.
- At the time of application for the scholarship, the applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Preference will be given to students who have worked at The Fireside Theatre, but that is not a requirement for application.
- Financial need is not required for this scholarship, but need can be taken into account by the committee.

Selection

Applicants will be reviewed by a committee composed of a representative of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, the Superintendent of Schools (or his/her designee), two community members recruited by the Scholarship Chairman of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation (one of whom may be a teacher), and a member of the Klopčic family or an employee of The Fireside Theatre.

The student's demonstrated interest in one of the fields of study will be an important consideration in selection. Selection will also be based on the content of the application, academic record, and the applicant's prospect of success in their program.