

Spring and Scholarship Deadlines

“I'm waitin', waitin' on a sunny day,
Gonna chase the clouds away
Waitin' on a sunny day.”*

*Lyrics to *Waitin' on a Sunny Day*; Bruce Springsteen 1998

I am a Springsteen fan. I recently went to his concert in St. Paul and these words are swirling in my head. Are you tired of the grey days we've had this winter? I am. This winter hasn't seen much snow; but the days filled with sunshine were few and far between. Why is it people are happier when it's sunny? Research has shown people generally feel more lethargic in the winter and once the days are filled with sunshine we feel more positive. I noticed my crocuses are starting to spring, as are the wood violets. I love spring! Neighbors will be outside once again, cleaning their yards and walking their dogs. Our neighborhoods will feel alive again.

With spring also comes our Scholarship season, one of the best things that we do here at the Marshfield Area Community Foundation! The number and size of our scholarships have grown since the Foundation began. We awarded over \$70,000 in tuition assistance for the 2015- 2016 school year! To put this in perspective, it was 19 years ago in 1997 that the Foundation presented its first scholarship. The following year we presented four. In 1999 there were fourteen. Now there are 52. During these years we have awarded over 500 scholarships, valued at almost \$470,000; with the value of the average scholarship awarded at \$911. For the past twelve years the Buyer's Guide has published the Scholarship Bulletin that lists over 400 scholarship opportunities available throughout our geographical area. We are very proud of the individuals, businesses, organizations, and families who have stepped forward to provide this wonderful demonstration of faith in our young people and belief in the importance of education.

The Bulletin is available at our office (907 N. Central Avenue), at local schools, and on our website.

<http://marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org/uploads/Scholarship%20Bulletin%202016.pdf>

The deadline for many of the scholarships are quickly approaching. Where else can a student make \$911 for an hour or two of their time? Please call or e-mail us with questions.



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