

Frances McNeill Arts Fund Scholarship

The Frances McNeill Arts Fund (Fund) offers scholarships through the Roseau Area Community and Education Fund, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. It is the intent of these scholarships to honor Frances Karlsson's memories by helping others to continue their educational pursuits. The Fund will provide annual scholarships to qualified students from Roseau County in their post-secondary education.

Eligibility Requirements

- The student must be a current or previous graduate from Badger, Greenbush- Middle River, Roseau or Warroad High School.
- You must intend, within six months of the award, to pursue a degree that emphasizes a degree in the fine, visual or graphic arts through a college or university program.
- Selection preference may be given to students with a cumulative grade point of "B" or higher.
- You will have some participation, involvement, or demonstrated positive leadership qualities in the following types of activities:
 - Post-secondary organized extra-curricular or volunteer activities
 - Community or church activities
 - Internship or work positions
- Financial need will be considered in awarding the scholarship but is not an eligibility requirement. It is the intent that these scholarships be an "award" reflecting Frances's life.

Application Process:

You will provide the selection committee with the following information:

- A completed application form available from the high school counselor or the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.
- A transcript showing necessary credits for graduation from either Badger, Greenbush- Middle River, Roseau or Warroad High School.
- A transcript of college classes for freshman through present year (current post-secondary students only).
- A short statement (200 - 400 words) about why you have chosen a career in this field. Also include your community involvement, volunteer activities or extra-curricular activities and/or work experience and how these experiences will benefit or have guided you toward your career.
- A letter of recommendation from a professor or advisor from your school. This letter should point out personal attributes that make you a good candidate for this scholarship.
- Those applying for the **art scholarship** must submit 3 photos of art work or actual samples.

Review Criteria:

1. Financial need will not necessarily be a predominant factor in awarding this scholarship.
2. Demonstration of fitness and readiness for a major focused on art (fine, visual or graphic) with a strong desire or likelihood of succeeding. Selection preference may be given to students with a cumulative grade point of “B” or higher.
3. Student’s education/community involvement/work experiences as they relate to pursuing a post-secondary education.

Selection and Award Protocol:

1. The scholarship selection will be made by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, or its designee, in accordance with the terms of this scholarship and the general selection policies, procedures, and guidelines by the Roseau Area Community and Education Fund. Inquiries should be made through the counselor’s office at a Roseau County School or through Northwest Minnesota Foundation.
2. Announcement of the scholarship selection shall be made in a letter from the selection committee to the successful applicant.
3. As recipient, you must give written permission to publicize the award in the media.
4. As recipient, you must send a written acknowledgement and note of gratitude to the Advisory Committee within 30 days of the award of the scholarship.
5. The award check will be issued to the educational institution on your behalf after the Northwest Minnesota Foundation has been presented with BOTH a current college transcript and a tuition bill or class schedule for second semester. As recipient, you must provide the contact information to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.
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. As an applicant and as a recipient, if you change or transfer to another educational institution you must notify the selection committee 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:

Guidance Counselors: or
Badger High School
Greenbush Middle River School
Roseau High School
Warroad High School

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Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

Post-Secondary Institute 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:

- A short statement (200 - 400 words) about why you have chosen a career in art. Also include your community involvement, volunteer activities, or extra-curricular activities and/or work experience and how these experiences will benefit or have guided you toward your career.

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 selection committee. _____

I have provided a copy of proof of attendance at a Roseau County high school. _____

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

I understand that I must provide the Northwest Minnesota Foundation with proof of enrollment with a major in art (fine, visual or graphic). _____

Art majors must submit 3 photos of art work or actual samples. _____

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

Date: _____

Signature: _____