

Elfstrom-Brown Community Builders 2024 Renewable Scholarship

Richard Elfstrom and Ruby Brown, siblings who grew up on a farm outside of Wheaton, endowed a scholarship for graduates of the Wheaton Area High School to pursue further education at an accredited postsecondary institution. This renewable scholarship will be awarded to the WAHS graduate(s) who successfully demonstrate that they have used their talents and abilities to strengthen their community. Two (2) scholarships of \$500 each, renewable for up to four years, will be awarded to eligible applicants from the 2024 Wheaton Area High School graduating class who will attend a postsecondary institution as a full-time student in a formal program of education.

Application Process:

1. Fill out the identifying information listed below.
2. Develop and submit a 500-word typed, double spaced response to this prompt: “Consider your positive personal attributes. How have you used your talents and abilities to contribute to efforts to strengthen your community, your school, your church, the place where you live, and/or the organization(s) of which you are a member? “
4. Completed application materials are due to Mrs. Hersch by **Friday, March 15.**

Name: _____ **Number:** _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Post-Secondary Education Plans

List the post-secondary institution you are planning to attend, and your intended major.

Institution:

Major/Area of Study:

Applicants: Note additional eligibility information included on the next page.

Applicant Eligibility:

The annual scholarship will be paid in February of the following year to the eligible recipient after submission to the treasurer of Wheaton Area Dollars for Scholars of the following:

1. Proof of completion of the first semester of education (in the initial year) or of the spring and fall semester (of the renewable year) in good academic standing as defined by the postsecondary institution of enrollment; and
2. Proof of enrollment as a full-time student in a second semester of coursework at an accredited postsecondary institution.

In the event that the recipient's academic status falls to probationary status, the scholarship will not be paid to that recipient during that academic year. The recipient will retain their renewable eligibility, and are invited to submit proof of academic eligibility for the remaining years of renewable scholarship. Recipients who fail to meet the eligibility criteria due to an unforeseen or unusual circumstance beyond their control may submit a letter of appeal with supporting documentation to the Elfstrom-Brown Scholarship Selection Committee, a subcommittee of the Wheaton Area Schools Board. These appeals will be considered on an individual basis. The total eligibility period shall not exceed five (5) years.

Scholarship applications will be screened by the Elfstrom-Brown Scholarship Selection Committee, and the award of the scholarship(s) will be announced at the annual Senior Scholarship Night.