



## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

**WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION?** – The foundation in its original form was a committee established in 1961 to provide scholarship assistance to deserving WHS graduates. Over time it has evolved into a 501 C3, tax exempt educational foundation. The vision of the foundation is “To Remove Finances as a Barrier to Further Education.”

**WHAT HAS THE FOUNDATION DONE OVER ITS YEARS OF EXISTENCE?** – The foundation has awarded over 400 scholarships valued at around \$500,000. Yearly awards have ranged from as low as about ten to as high as about 25, depending on the applicants and their qualifications. In addition it has provided other assistance to the school by giving grants for student programs such as Advanced Placement, student leadership conferences, National Honor Society, camps for exceptional education students, and summer athletic participation. One year, at the request of the school, the foundation purchased a dictionary for each incoming freshman.

**WHAT ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH?** – Currently the awards are for \$1000. They are given in two \$500 installments. Students must provide evidence of registration for the first half and grades and evidence of registration for the second half.

**WHERE DO THE STUDENTS GO TO SCHOOL AND HOW DO THEY DO?** – Students attend colleges and universities and special schools all over the country, although most stay within the state. Over the last few years that data has been recorded, the average GPA for the first semester of college (the only data we are able to get) is 3.0.

**HOW IS THE FOUNDATION FUNDED?** - The foundation has been funded by bequests and donations from individual alumni, and businesses and from proceeds from the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the school. Additionally, the Women’s Luncheon (now the Alumni Luncheon) conducts fund raising activities at its annual event, with the profits being donated to the foundation. Other funds come from classes who hold reunions. Donations have included contributions of very small amounts up to amounts that will underwrite a scholarship in perpetuity (\$20,000, which is given a title of the donor’s choice.) Awards are given from monies earned on investments so that the principal is kept intact.

**HOW IS THE FOUNDATION GOVERNED?** – The foundation is operated by alumni who volunteer their time and energy and wisdom. No one is paid. Expenses of the foundation are minimal, consisting solely of costs for things like stationery and stamps. Virtually all money is spent helping students directly.

**WHERE DO I SEND MY DONATION?** – Donations should be made out to Washington High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation and sent to: Chuck Gobel, President, Washington High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation, 4939 S. Imperial Circle, Greenfield, WI 53220. If you wish to donate a stock (there are valuable tax advantages in doing this) contact Chuck Gobel at 414-278-5825 or email [chuckgobel@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckgobel@hotmail.com).