

# What The WDEF Scholarship Recipients Say...



*"Every community member that helped make the Education Foundation successful deserves a heartfelt thank you for not only providing me with the financial support, but also for helping me start off my first semester of college with confidence. Knowing the Education Foundation is rooting for me encourages me to make the most out of my education and to do my very best at every task that is thrown at me. My sister introduced me to the following quote by Mark Twain before I left for college: "The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why." The day I received the Science Education Scholarship was the day I realized that I am truly here to make a difference in people's lives. I chose to study Pre Med for that very reason—I aspire to make a difference in people's health. Having the Education Foundation as my support team gives me the confidence to achieve my dreams. To all of the members of the Education Foundation, thank you for having faith in me; I will not let you down. "*

*Nikki Ripp, Class of 2014, Attending University of Minnesota – Rochester  
Science Department Scholarship Recipient  
#7 Academic Excellence, Sports Impressions/JustAGame Fieldhouse Scholarship*

*"My name is Patrick Nate, and I received the Foundation Scholarship for Instrumental Music in 2014. The scholarship process that I went through has helped me just as much as the actual scholarship has. Besides the obvious financial aid this scholarship gave me, the process has helped me with both speaking in front of crowds and organization. Having to be able to not only speak in front of a crowd, but also answering questions on the spot helped prepare me for future interviews in college and my career. The organizational skills that were required of me during the process are universal skills that can, will, and do come in handy in my pursuit of a higher education. Thank you to all who made this foundation possible for not only the very generous financial aid, but also the skills that I developed during the process."*

*Patrick Nate, Class of 2014, Attending UW – Platteville  
Instrumental Music Scholarship Recipient  
#10 Academic Excellence/Pepsi Scholarship*



*Thank you very much not only for awarding me this scholarship but for allowing the students of Wisconsin Dells High School the wonderful opportunity to apply. This was a great opportunity, and I appreciate the chance to cut down on the cost of my schooling. Thank you very much!*

*Brynne Norgard, Class of 2014, Attending UW – Oshkosh  
English/Language Arts Scholarship Recipient  
#1 Academic Excellence/Bank of Wisconsin Dells Recipient*



*"For most, paying for college isn't necessarily easy. With the generosity of the Wisconsin Dells Education Foundation and the diverse scholarships they award, there are multiple opportunities to receive help on the financial end of college. For me, as an example, I applied for both the English and Vocal Music scholarships. I was the recipient of the Vocal Music scholarship and a finalist for the English scholarship. I applied for both of these because I have a lot of passion, experience, and dedication in both of these areas. All of the work that was put into both scholarships paid off in the end. I, along with other recipients, am very appreciative of WDEF and all that they offer students in the Wisconsin Dells School District who intend to pursue college."*

*Becca Frederiksen, Class of 2014, Attending UW – Stout  
Vocal Music Department Scholarship Recipient  
English/Language Arts Department Scholarship Finalist  
#9 Academic Excellence/Rita Schoeneman Scholarship*

*My name is Josh Gray and I was a recipient of a department scholarship last year. Earning this award has given me a more secure feeling about my financial status for college. I now can pay for my first year of college and can continue saving up for future years. Without it I would have had to take out at least one loan to cover my college expenses. The scholarships at Wisconsin Dells help out so much no matter how much they offer. Thanks to the scholarship my first year of college has been a lot less stressful. As for my future goals I want to become an accountant, athletic director, or pharmacist. I haven't decided yet, but I'm leaning towards being an accountant or something in business. If I do become an accountant I hope to be able to open my firm. I would like to thank the Wisconsin Dells Education Foundation for helping me towards these goals, because of the foundation, it has made these goals easier to attain.*

*Josh Gray, Class of 2014, Attending UW – La Crosse  
Math Department Scholarship Recipient  
Business Entrepreneurship Scholarship Finalist*

