Long Family Medical Scholarship

Becker and Norman County Residents

Frank and Hildred Long, in whose name the medical scholarship is being offered, are perhaps best remembered as the couple who owned Shelley Island in Cotton Lake. This island later was preserved as a wildlife area through efforts of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Nongame Wildlife Program, the Minnesota Wildlife Heritage Foundation and the Minnesota chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Frank Long, a Detroit Lakes High School graduate, was a member of the faculty at DLHS from 1939 until retiring at the close of the 1962-63-school term.

His wife, the former Hildred Shelland, was born and raised at Ada, graduated from Ada High School and North Dakota State and married Frank Long at Ada on May 15, 1942.

The purpose of the scholarship is to perpetuate the ideals of Frank and Hildred Long in supporting and encouraging youth to pursue careers in the medical field in small towns and rural areas.

Who May Apply

To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must show proof of enrollment in an accredited educational program, and have successfully completed his/her first quarter/semester of study. The acceptable areas of study will be in human medicine or paramedical fields (including nursing, medical tech, x-ray, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, pharmacy, etc.). The fields of chiropractic, veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, and audiology will not be eligible. The students must be admitted to medical school or an Allied Health Program to qualify for an award. The student must also be a permanent resident, be a former resident for a minimum of six years, or have parents who are residents of Becker County or Norman County, Minnesota. If the applicant lives out of either county, he or she must live within a 30 mile radius of Detroit Lakes or Ada, Minnesota. A student receiving a scholarship for one year is eligible for a scholarship in future years as long as that student continues to be enrolled in an accredited educational program and has successfully completed his or her first year of study. Awards will be based on outstanding performance as well as need and dedication to the field of study.

Application deadline: January 1st

Applications may be obtained at:

wcif.org/fund/dlf, and cityofdetroitlakes.com/communitydevelopment



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