

Erling K. Nor Scholarship Fund

Application Process

The *Erling K. Nor Education Scholarship Fund* was established to honor the memory of Erling K. Nor and the contributions he made to the community by providing college tuition assistance for educational expenses. This scholarship is open to all majors and is to be used at a college or university of the recipient's choice. This is a 2-year scholarship of \$5,000 per year (\$10,000 over 2 years). Recipients chosen initially will have to continue to advance in their studies full time and prove enrollment at said educational institution each semester in order to receive continued scholarship support. Students must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average to continue receiving this scholarship.

DEADLINE: April 15, 2019

Application Qualifications:

1. Applicants must be high school graduates of Alden-Hebron High School District #19

Application Process:

1. Students applying for the scholarship must complete the application forms provided in your packet: *Scholarship Application Form*, *2 Recommendation Forms*, *Academic Verification Form*.
2. All materials must be (*mailed or delivered*) to the **Community Foundation for McHenry County, 630 N. Route 31, Suite 101, Crystal Lake, IL 60012** no later than the deadline.
3. Foundation Staff will distribute applications to the Scholarship Selection Committee. The identities of each applicant will be removed from the copies; an application number will be assigned to each application.
4. The Scholarship Selection Committee members will review the applications individually and then meet to discuss the applications and choose a recipient.
5. Community Foundation staff will inform each applicant by mail the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee (*acceptance or decline*). The recipient chosen will receive a *Letter of Acceptance* and a *Scholarship Acceptance Form*.
6. After that time, the Recipient must complete the *Scholarship Acceptance Form*, **which should arrive to the Foundation no later than the deadline stated in the letter.**

7. The student must remit a tuition bill or other evidence of their enrollment to the Foundation.
8. The recipient will be announced at the *Alden-Hebron High School Graduation Ceremony*. A member of the Scholarship Selection Committee may attend the ceremony to present the award if desired.
9. Scholarship checks will only be made payable to the college or university. **No checks will be made out directly to the recipient.**
10. Community Foundation staff will perform due diligence to confirm that the scholarship recipient has completed coursework as granted.
11. If the scholarship recipient is receiving financial aid, it is our intention that this award will not reduce grant aid in the aid package offered by the school.

Erling K. Nor Biography

Erling Nor (EK) came to the United States in 1939 from Denmark. He could not speak any English. His sole education was in Denmark where he went through the eighth grade. Education was very important to EK, he taught himself to read and write English. When he first came to the US, he worked for his brother on a dairy farm. He eventually bought his own farm, on the corner of Route 173 and Greenwood Road in Hebron Township.

Erling was a bachelor who milked cows and farmed his 160 acres. He was a unique man, who milked at 10 AM and 10 PM, slept late, but got all his work done as needed. If a neighbor needed help, Erling was always the first one be there. Erling or EK, as his friends and neighbors called him, was very frugal. He saved money and invested in the stock market and Certificates of Deposit. When he passed away he was a multi-millionaire. His philosophy of life was if you don't need it, then don't spend the money to buy it. Save it for that rainy day. He was quite the inventor, if he needed something to make his life easier, he used duct tape or whatever was available to make it work. One of his ways of saving money was to cut the paper towel roll in half, "'cause you don't need the whole towel most of the time".

He read the Chicago Tribune every day, reading the stock market reports first. He taught himself to play the piano and concertina, which all of the neighbors had the opportunity at one time or another to be serenaded.

Erling was proud to receive his citizenship and to become an American. He was proud of his accomplishments, and wanted to pass on some of his earnings to the students at Alden Hebron, so they could have an opportunity for a better education.

Erling K. Nor Education Fund Scholarship Application

Application Guidelines:

- All application materials must be submitted at the same time.
- Please submit your application and additional materials packet to:
Community Foundation for McHenry County
Attn: Margaret Miller
630 N. Route 31, Suite 101
Crystal Lake, IL 60012
- **Applications must be RECEIVED on or before April 15, 2019. INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- **Please note:** All recipients of scholarship awards administered by the Community Foundation for McHenry County are listed in the organization's annual report and may be included in other promotional materials. Also, recipients are encouraged to attend scholarship award ceremonies as requested.
- You may contact the Foundation at 815-338-4483 or email Margaret at margaret@mccfdn.org with questions.

Checklist: Complete the following items and include in your application packet:

- Erling K. Nor Education Fund Scholarship Application
- Academic Verification Form
- Typed essay response
- Two recommendation forms – Each must be in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature on the seal

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

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College Enrollment Information:

Name of college/trade school you will likely attend: _____

Have you been accepted to college/trade school?: _____

Field of Study (If undecided, please indicate undecided):

The school is a:

2 Year Institution 4 Year Institution

Other/Explain: _____

Other Colleges Applied to:

Please explain why you have selected this/these school(s).

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Personal Statement: (2 – 3 sentences)

Please list your future educational and career goals.

Activities and Special Honors:

List your extracurricular school activities, community activities and church activities here. Include sponsoring organization, dates of participation, hours engaged and positions held. Use local examples. If you did not participate in any activities, please enter "None".

List your special honors and awards here. Include item and date received. If you did not receive any special honors, please enter "None".

ESSAY: (400 – 600 words, typed and attached to application)

Your response to this section is your opportunity to address the scholarship committee and show how you meet the scholarship criteria. Include information that you believe the committee should know as it considers your application. You may also include academic or personal achievements, leadership skills, community and school participation and financial obligations. Please do NOT use your name in your response.

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Work Experience:

Most Recent Employer: (If you haven't been employed write N/A)

Duties:

Dates: _____

Hours/Week: _____

Next Most Recent Employer:

Duties:

Dates: _____

Hours/Week: _____

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How do you plan to pay for costs not covered by the above?

Is there anything else you feel we should know about your financial needs?

Certification

- I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge.

- I certify that my personal essay and the information provided in this application represent my own work.

Remember to complete the *Academic Verification Form, Typed Essay, and 2 Recommendation Forms* for this scholarship.

Signature *Date*

Mail to or Drop off at:
Community Foundation for McHenry County
630 N. Route 31, Suite 101
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

For Foundation Use Only: _____ Applicant No.: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC VERIFICATION FORM

Student's Name: _____
(Please print your name legibly)

Instructions:

- This form must be included in each applicant's hard copy packet as indicated on the Scholarship Checklist.
- Students should complete this form and ask their school counselor or other appropriate administrator to verify the information and sign the form.
- The student's high school transcript is not required at this time but may be requested at a later date.
- Contact Margaret Miller, Program Manager, at (815) 338-4483 or margaret@mccfdn.org with any questions.

Cumulative GPA at the end of seven semesters is _____ based upon a _____ scale

Cumulative GPA is: Weighted Non-Weighted

Highest Composite ACT Score _____ and/or highest Composite SAT Score _____

List senior year courses – specify advanced placement (AP), honors (H), etc.

Signature _____ Date _____ School Seal _____
President, Registrar or Counselor

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Recommendation Form for Scholarships

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Address

City State Zip Email Address

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	Outstanding Top 5%	Very Good Top 10%	Good Top 25%	Average Top 50%	Not a strength for applicant	Not enough info
Communication skills – Oral/written	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to follow direction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to achieve goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dedication/Sense of loyalty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compassion/Empathy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm/Positive attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential as a leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpersonal relationship skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creativity and Imagination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analytical ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ethics and Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall academic potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	< 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5-10 years	10+ years
How long have you know the applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Teacher	Employer	Faith	Community	Friend
What is your relationship to the applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the spaces below, list and explain two adjectives that best exemplify this applicant from your perspective. Please DO NOT write the applicant's name on this sheet.

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Adjective #2	Explanation
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Name of Recommender	Phone number
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Title/Position	Institution/Business Name
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Signature	Email Address	Date
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