

AAUW Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship

Description

The Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship was developed by the members of the Fort Atkinson Branch of the American Association of University Women, (AAUW) to provide local scholarships for women. The objective of this scholarship is to assist applicants in completing their bachelor's degree. Applicants may reapply to receive this scholarship in subsequent years.

The concept held a special appeal to Jane Shaw Knox, a charter and life member of the branch. Jane was born in Painesdale, Mich. She attended the Chicago Art Institute and the University of Wisconsin-Madison before entering Michigan State University where she graduated magna cum laude. Before her marriage to William D. Knox, she taught high school mathematics and English. Following marriage, they resided in Fort Atkinson where she was a prominent and active worker in the community.

Following her death in 1987, the Knox family established a memorial fund through the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation for the Knox/Adopt-a-Student Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was created in appreciation of her friendship, leadership and many contributions to AAUW. The scholarship was renamed the Jane Shaw Knox Undergraduate Scholarship.

Eligibility

Eligible students are women who:

- Are either a graduate of Fort Atkinson High School, have a current Fort Atkinson mailing address or are currently employed in Fort Atkinson.
- Are or will be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours for consecutive Semesters and in a program at an accredited college in pursuit of a bachelor's degree.
- Have already earned 45 credits toward that degree.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Selection

All applications will be reviewed by the AAUW Scholarship Committee, advised by the Community Foundation's Executive Director. Selection is based on financial need, academic performance, the candidate's Career Path essay, and special family circumstances. Preference is given to women who are returning to higher education after an absence. The Board of Directors of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation must approve the final recommendations for scholarship awards made by AAUW's Scholarship Committee.