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The Karen Small Legacy Scholarship Honoring a former Nature
Hill Student Pursuing a Career in the Science or Nursing Fields
Established 2017

The Legacy of Karen Small This scholarship is being awarded in honor of a long-time science teacher, Karen Small, who inspired thousands of students in her twenty-nine years as a teacher in the Oconomowoc Area School District. Karen taught at Oconomowoc High School and Nature Hill Intermediate School, and is remembered for her love of teaching, passion for learning, commitment and dedication and her care for others. Towards the end of her career, in the spirit of always putting the needs of others before her own, Karen decided to pursue a second career as a Certified Nursing Assistant in her retirement.

**Scholarship** To honor Karen's legacy the Nature Hill community is honored to annually award two \$1,000 scholarships to former Nature Hill students who are graduating from Oconomowoc High School and pursuing a career in a science or nursing related field. Each successful candidate must demonstrate their passion for learning, leadership capabilities, commitment and interest in science or a nursing related field and their dedication to serving others.

**Application Criteria** An application for this scholarship will be considered completed when all of the following components are submitted:

## 1. A letter that includes the following components

- a. Part A: General background information
  - i. Name and other general background information including
- 1. GPA/Class rank
- 2. Other relevant academic/personal information.
- 3. Post secondary plans
- **b. Part B**: Evidence of how you best embody the characteristics of Karen Small by addressing the following topics:
  - i. Passion for Learning ii. Leadership Capabilities
  - li. Dedication to Serving Others

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**Nondiscrimination:** The Oconomowoc Area School District provides assurance that no student is discriminated against because of the student's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.



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- **c. Part C**: Demonstration of your interest and commitment to a career in a science or nursing related field. You should consider highlighting one of the following options:
  - i. An experience that helped to inform your decision to pursue your career path.
  - ii. A summary or sample of a project that demonstrates your understanding of essential science concepts.

## 2. Letter of Recommendation

- a. All candidates are required to submit one letter of recommendation from a current or former science teacher that highlights:
  - i. Your passion and potential for a successful career in a science or nursing related field.
  - ii. Example of your leadership, commitment, dedication and service to others.

**Selection Process** A scholarship selection team will be appointed by Karen Small. All materials will be reviewed anonymously.

**Submission Deadline** Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted through email to Krista Werchowski (<a href="WerchowK@oasd.org">WerchowK@oasd.org</a>), Principal at Nature Hill Intermediate School, no later than 5pm on Friday, May 10th.

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