



Bruce Ellingsen Scholastic Advancement Fund Scholarship

John R. Rogers High School

Background

Bruce A. Ellingsen grew up in Northeast Spokane, the youngest of three sons to Virginia and Carl 'Tuffy' Ellingsen. Bruce grew up in the Hillyard neighborhood, attending Bemiss and Rogers High School. Bruce was co-valedictorian of the class of 1958 and a three-sport athlete at Rogers, earning All-City Quarterback honors. Following his father's advice, he 'kept his head up and eye on the main event,' continuing his academic excellence at WSU and playing quarterback on the side. Bruce went on to earn his M.D. with honors from the University of Washington Medical School and completed his ophthalmology training and glaucoma fellowship at Harvard. While at Harvard, he conducted ground breaking research in glaucoma and introduced non-penetrating glaucoma surgery into the United States. He was a physician at the Spokane Eye Clinic for over 30 years and instrumental in the creation of its surgery center. In 2006, WSU awarded Bruce the Alumni Achievement Award for his academic accomplishments, medical practice, community engagement, and commitment to WSU. Rogers' High School inducted him to their Wall of Fame in 2007, following brother Don and father Carl "Tuffy" Ellingsen. Bruce's values throughout his life focused on his family, service to the community, and access to educational opportunities.

Scholarship Specifications

Goal: The goal of the Bruce Ellingsen Scholarship is to provide the awarded student funding to support tuition and/or related school fees as they pursue post-secondary training.

Who: The scholarship will be awarded to a student that would like to pursue higher education and/or training after graduation from Rogers. Eligible applicants can be interested in pursuing any field of study and the funds can be used for all types of post-secondary training including vocational schools, community college, professional career schools, and four-year collegiate institutions. The student should reflect the values of commitment to scholastic advancement and community service.

Eligibility: Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. The recipient will ideally have demonstrated increased academic performance in the last two years of high school, have participated in school or community service during high school, and demonstrate an interest to utilize their training for both personal and community benefit. It is preferred that this scholarship go to a student(s) that may have limited opportunities to earn scholarships elsewhere due to their GPA, financial status, and/or intended use of funds.

Award Cycle: The Bruce Ellingsen Scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis in the Spring.

Amount: Depending on the applicant pool, one award of \$7000 or two awards of \$3500 each can be granted annually.

Scholarship Fund Specifications: The funds can be used for any school related expense including, but not limited to, tuition, school supplies, textbooks, room and board, or childcare.

Application Process:

Students interested in the scholarship will submit an essay to the scholarship committee addressing the following:

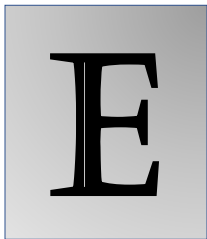
- How do you feel you represent the scholarship's focus on commitment to scholastic advancement and service to your community?
- What do you feel your vocation is?
- What type of training or education do you plan to pursue after you graduate from high school to pursue your vocation?
- How do you plan to use the scholarship funds?

Reporting:

Scholarship recipients will be asked to share a brief description (a paragraph) of their year and in general, how the funds were used.

Application Deadline: April 26, 2024 – to the College and Career Center

Scholarship recipients will be notified of selection by May 20th. Funds to be sent directly to recipient's school/college/university accepted for post-secondary education. Funds must be use by the following Spring Term of being selected or funds will be forfeited and returned to the Rogers High School Bruce Ellingsen Fund.



BRUCE ELLINGSEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RECEIPIENT INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$_____

Student Name: _____ RHS ID# _____

College/University Attending in the fall: _____

If the college/university has multiple campuses, please indicate which one you will be attending.

(Ex: WSU-Spokane or Pullman, etc.): _____

College/University Student ID#: _____

Student phone (if problems): _____

Student Email: _____

I, _____, understand that upon accepting this scholarship I will be providing one final note to the Bruce Ellingsen Family Scholarship no later than March 2023 to inform the family where/how the scholarship monies were applied and assisted with your post high school education.

Advisor: _____

Advisor must come to the business officer to complete PO for scholarship.

X _____ I understand the Bruce Ellingsen Scholarship award is sent directly to the above listed college/university with recipient's name and college student ID# in June. If the scholarship is not use by the following spring term after it's been awarded to recipient, these monies will be forfeited by the student and return to the Ellingsen Fund at Rogers HS.

Student
Initials