

Ruben & Donna Widmayer Opportunity Scholarship

History:

Ruben R. Widmayer was the son of a congregational minister who traveled around the Midwest. As a result, Ruben moved frequently with his family throughout his childhood. He met his wife Donna while attending college at Yankton. Ruben and Donna became teachers and taught at the St. Lawrence High School where Ruben also coached basketball. When offered the opportunity, he attended law school at the University of South Dakota, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1955. He returned to the Miller area and became a partner in a law firm with Herb Heidepriem, where he practiced law for over 45 yrs. He generously contributed in many ways to the Miller community. It is our family's hope that each year this scholarship will empower students to continue the efforts of Ruben and Donna Widmayer by helping the Miller area students achieve their educational goals.

This scholarship was initiated in 2010 by the Widmayer family as an opportunity for Miller High School graduates who need financial assistance in pursuing their education but do not fit the average characteristics of financial need or scholarship eligibility.

Requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior of Miller High School
- Must be or in the process of being accepted to a college or tech school.
- Preference to students not eligible for federal student aid or ACT based scholarships

Application:

Please submit the following information

1. Name, address, phone number, and email address
2. Name of parents and/or guardians
3. Resume including school activities, honors and awards, community activities and work experiences
4. A **one-page essay** describing your financial situation and career goals
5. A copy of your most recent transcript, including ACT or SAT score

See Scholarship Website for Due Date