

*Presented by the Fall Creek Area Foundation*

**“MARIAN WESTPHAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP”**

**\*\*\* ONE \$850 SCHOLARSHIP \*\*\***

**Qualification Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior attending Fall Creek High School interested in Library Science.
2. Applicant must be ranked in the top 50% of their senior class and must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. The applicant must be planning to attend a 4-year college or university.

**Application Requirements:**

1. Application deadline is March 17, 2014.
2. The candidate should complete an essay (500 words or less) describing **how the Fall Creek Public Library has impacted the community and how the Fall Creek Public Library or libraries in general have influenced your personal growth and learning.**
3. All applications should be sent or delivered to:
 

Ms. Laura Volbrecht
Fall Creek High School
336 E. Hoover Avenue
Fall Creek, WI 54742
<a href="mailto:lauravolbrecht@fallcreek.k12.wi.us">lauravolbrecht@fallcreek.k12.wi.us</a>

**Scholarship Payment:**

1. Payment is made to the recipient and school by the Treasurer of the Fall Creek Area Foundation.
2. The recipient must provide grade transcripts to the Foundation Treasurer as proof of successful completion of the first semester's course of study prior to payment.
3. Payment will be made at the end of the first semester of study.
4. The recipient must submit a grade transcript to the Foundation Treasurer, or make a written request for an alternative payment schedule, by December 31, 2015. Failure to comply will mean forfeiture of the scholarship.

**Additional Information:**

The student receiving the scholarship must, within one month of graduation from high school, write a letter of "thanks" to the sponsor and mail it to:

The Fall Creek Area Foundation
PO Box 412
Fall Creek, WI 54742

**Failure to comply will mean forfeiture of the scholarship.**

**Biographical Information:**

Marian Westphal was a permanent fixture around the Fall Creek area and Fall Creek Public Library for many years. She was born in the Town of Washington in 1919, attended Porter School and then graduated from Eau Claire Senior High, where she worked in the library. After marrying Frank Westphal, they lived on a farm just east of Fall Creek. Marian's official library experience began in 1987 with the Green Thumb program, but she had volunteered numerous times prior to that. Marian had a great love for books and reading. She read fiction, biographies, inspirational books and the local newspapers. In her work at the library, she knew her patrons well; in fact, she knew them so well that she very often had memorized their customer number as well as what kind of books they enjoyed reading. She was always willing to share information on what new books had come in and recommend them for others to read. It was not unusual to see three or four books in progress at a time at Marian's home; she was an avid reader. In addition to her work at Fall Creek Public Library, Marian was also very active in her church library.