

# Karl Zimmerman Science and Technology Scholarship Application

This scholarship was established to support Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) students pursuing post-high school studies in the fields of science and technology upon graduation. From a young age, Karl had a passion for technology. At 14, he used \$100 from a Christmas gift to begin developing a web hosting company that would become Steadfast, a cloud-managed IT infrastructure services company.

Karl was a 2002 graduate of WLA. He attended Northwestern University in Chicago while continuing to grow his company. Karl was the CEO of Steadfast and was a pillar within the Chicago IT community for over 20 years. He served on the Small Business Advocacy Council board, the Chicago Engineer's Foundation, the i2Coalition, and the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Karl was a loving and devoted son to his mother, father, and family, a true humble friend to all who knew him. He was a mentor and role model to those fortunate to work with him and learn from him. He highly valued education and used Steadfast to influence and promote education and technology initiatives for high school students. His legacy will grow eternal from the wisdom and example he gave to many. Karl passed away unexpectedly from a heart condition in March 2020 at the young age of 36.

One \$1,000 award is available.

## APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be graduating seniors of Winnebago Lutheran Academy
- Pursue a two or four-year degree in the fields of science or technology

## WHEN COMPLETE, SUBMIT:

- This application
- **Your most up-to-date transcript**
- Your typed statement

TO: Fond du Lac Area Foundation  
ATTN: Zimmerman Scholarship  
1020 S Main Street, Suite E  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

OR: [jackie@fonddulacareafoundation.com](mailto:jackie@fonddulacareafoundation.com)

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE *RECEIVED* BY AN ABOVE ADDRESS BY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent, Guardian, or Nearest Relative: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (**also attach your most up-to-date transcript**)

List any academic honors or awards you have received while in high school:

	Grade:	9	10	11	12

List your extracurricular activities and volunteer activities through your school:

	Grade:	9	10	11	12

List your volunteer activities in the local community:

	Grade:	9	10	11	12

Have you chosen a college to attend? If so, please state its name and if you have already been accepted.

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If you have not decided on a college yet, please state your top two choices:

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Field(s) of study you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate page, please type an essay between 250 and 500 words addressing the following prompt:**

Describe why you have chosen this field of study. Explain how you feel your experience at WLA will benefit you in higher education and the career path you hope to follow. State your goals for employment, and explain how a degree in science or technology will help you attain those goals.

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