

The 2023
Gabe Rapatz
&
Jennifer Rapatz-Harr
Memorial Scholarship
Trust Fund



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The **Gabriel Rapatz Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund** has been established by his family in loving memory of his contributions to the lives of his students. Dr. Gabe Rapatz was an instructor of Biology and Chemistry at Webster College in Missouri from 1953 – 1955; Senior Scientist for the American Foundation of Biological Research from 1956 – 1975; adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota from 1975 - 1977, Science Teacher Aide at Browerville Public School from 1980 - 1982 and Teacher at Eagle Valley Public School from 1982 until his death in 2000.

Gabe's honors include teacher of the year at Eagle Valley in 1987, 1991 and 1993. He was listed in Who's Who among American Teachers in 1992, 1996, 1998 and 2000. He was named Minnesota teacher of excellence in education in 1988 and 1993. Gabe's scientific accomplishments were American Men and Women of Science in 1967 and 1976, Who's Who in the Midwest in 1967 and 1968, authored 100 scientific articles in national and international journals and books.

The **Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund** has been established by her husband and family in loving memory of her continuous support to the women who were interested in the health field. Jennifer had many passions. She loved her family and encouraged her children to pursue their dreams. Education was something that Jennifer cared for deeply. She was a champion for the underprivileged and had volunteered to help in Honduras and Liberia. Seeing Jenny talk about her patients reminded the Rapatz Family so much of Gabe Rapatz when he spoke about his kids, thus, the idea of a scholarship was born.

Jennifer Rapatz-Harr passed away at the age of 60 of Lung cancer in 2017. Jennifer was inspired by her father Gabriel Rapatz. She graduated from the Physician Assistant program at the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1981. She worked in the St Cloud area for 25 years and particularly loved her job at Sartell Pediatrics where she particularly enjoyed taking care of her patients- especially her youngest patients. She was a mentor for many young women who were interested in the health field.

Both Gabe and Jennifer loved sharing their love of science with others, so to honor their memory the Gabriel Rapatz and Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Scholarships were conceived.

Gabriel Rapatz Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund

The Gabriel Rapatz family, through the Freshwater Education District, has established the *Gabriel Rapatz Memorial Scholarship* Trust Fund to promote the field of science among students of the Freshwater Member Districts. Mr. Rapatz served the Freshwater Education District area for many years and for this reason, this memorial award was established. The amount of the Gabriel Rapatz Memorial Award will come from the interest income of the trust fund and be paid at the beginning of the second term to the financial aid officer of the institution the recipient has chosen.

The amount of this scholarship is \$1,200.

The scholarship award is to be based on the following criteria:

1. The award shall be granted to a graduating senior from a number of the Freshwater Education District Member Schools who plans a career in the field of science.
2. It may be used to attend a vocational school, a science school, or a college.
3. The most important consideration shall be seriousness of purpose in attaining an education in the science field.
4. The other points to be considered are scholarship and service to their school and community.
5. Financial need is not a consideration.

The committee that selects the scholarship winner will minimally consist of the Executive Director of the Freshwater Education District and a Freshwater Education District member superintendent, principal, science teacher, and a designated member of the Gabriel Rapatz family.

The application procedure will consist of attaching to this cover page a scholarship resume and a short essay, not to exceed one typewritten page, about the field of science that you plan to enter.

****Application Deadline: Monday, April 17th, 2023****

Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund

The Jennifer Rapatz-Harr family, through the Freshwater Education District, has established the *Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship* Trust Fund to promote the medical field or medical science field among ***female students*** with financial need of the Freshwater Member Districts. The amount of the Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Award will come from the interest income of the trust fund and be paid at the beginning of the second term to the financial aid officer of the institution the recipient has chosen.

The amount of this scholarship is \$1,200.

The scholarship award is to be based on the following criteria:

1. The award shall be granted to a graduating female senior from a number of the Freshwater Education District Member Schools who plans a career in the medical field or medical science field.
2. It may be used to attend a vocational school, a science school, or a college.
3. The most important consideration shall be seriousness of purpose of a female in attaining an education in the medical or medical science field.
4. The other points to be considered are scholarship and service to their school and community.
5. Financial need is given preference.

The committee that selects the scholarship winner will minimally consist of the Executive Director of the Freshwater Education District and a Freshwater Education District member superintendent, principal, science teacher, and a designated member of the Gabriel Rapatz family.

The application procedure will consist of attaching to this cover page a scholarship resume and a short essay, not to exceed one typewritten page, about the field of science that you plan to enter.

****Application Deadline: Monday, April 17th, 2023****

Student Application Instructions

Application Guidelines

You must use the official *Gabriel Rapatz~Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship Fund* application. It must be dated and signed by you and your parent(s)/guardian. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations.

Honors and Awards

The following is a list to assist in completion of the Honors and Awards section, page 3. Include awards such as Eagle Scout; Gold Award; Teen of the Year: Statewide or National Conferences (ex: Boy's/Girl's State, HOBY); National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar; major athletic award; and major academic award. Do not include awards such as Academic/Athletic Letter; Honor Roll; Perfect Attendance; Scout Merit Badges; Teen of the Month; Top Percent of the Class; and Who's Who. This list is not inclusive. Activity sheets are acceptable replacements for the Employment and Community Service section and page 3, but must be structured identically to the application.

Applicant Essay

You must prepare an essay of 350 words or less stating: the role science and/or medicine has played in your high school accomplishments, determining career aspirations, achieving your life goals, and preparing for college. The essay must be dated and signed.

High School/College Transcripts: A copy of all high school and college transcripts must be submitted with the application.

Letter of Recommendation

Include one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher. The letter may cover your ability, work habits, leadership, personality, and integrity.

Include one letter of recommendation from a responsible community member who is not from your high school. The person should not be related to you. The letter may cover your participation in the community in terms of work service leadership skills, and outstanding recognition.

Letters may be originals or photocopies and must be limited to one side of a single sheet (8.5 by 11 inch) of paper, typed, dated and signed by the author.

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(Please arrange items in this order)

- Completed Application (original, typed or neatly printed)
- Applicant Essay
- High School/College Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation

School District Name: _____

School Dist. Address: _____

Gabriel Rapatz~Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship Fund

IMPORTANT: *Before completing, please read and follow guidelines outlined on page 2 and 3.
Applications must be filed on or before Monday, April 17th, 2023 to:*

***Freshwater Education District
Attn: "Rapatz Scholarship Fund"
2222 Industrial Drive
Wadena, MN 56482 - 2549***

Name: _____
Last First MI

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth _____ Age ____ Sex ____
Month Day Year

By signing this application, you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified. You agree to the use of your name, and any information contained within the application for advertising, promotional and publicity purposes without consent or compensation.

Date: _____ Signed by: _____ (student)

Date: _____ Signed by: _____ (mother/stepmother)

Date: _____ Signed by: _____ (father/stepfather)

For Fund Use Only

Must Have Endorsement to be accepted for Judging

The Scholarship Chairperson must sign the endorsement, certifying that he/she has reviewed the application and verifies that it conforms to the requirements of the scholarship criteria.

This application, with any attached exhibits, has been reviewed, and it conforms to the criteria set forth by the *Gabriel Rapatz ~Jennifer Rapatz-Harr Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

Chairperson Name: _____

Date: _____ (signed) _____
Scholarship Chairperson

Your College Plans

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university. Include your planned major.

Employment and Community Service

List jobs you have held. Include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or for a family business, even if not paid.

Kind of work	Name of Employer	Dates of Employment
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List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay.

Kind of work	Name of Agency or Organization	Dates of Participation
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Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9-12.
State nature of award and grade won: i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award, 12. Do not use abbreviations.

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Positions of Leadership

State name of organization, position and grade(s) position was held, (grades 9-12), starting with the most recent: i.e. Key Club, President, 11: Tennis Team, Captain, 10.

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