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Reduce the financial barriers to college and lighten the debt that many Wisconsin students incur.

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Ensure the opportunity for generations of young people to further their education.

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Expand the number of college graduates in Wisconsin.

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FFWS is a private, not for profit charitable foundation established in 2007 by a gift of \$175 million from John and Tashia Morgridge. FFWS helps expand the door to opportunity for students going from high school to higher learning, by reducing the financial stress of going to college. FFWS grants are gifts and do not need to be repaid. These grants are in addition to the state and federal grants that many students already receive.

FFWS believes that increasing the number of Wisconsin adults who hold a bachelor degree will improve the quality of life for all Wisconsin residents by creating more well-paying jobs, increasing learning opportunities, and providing greater education options for future students. By helping to assure a highly educated workforce, FFWS helps create the economic viability necessary for meeting the challenges that face us today and tomorrow.

Beyond the grant.

FFWS supports recipients through peer mentoring at most UW campuses. Each freshman and transfer student is offered a peer mentor, who can support them, by answering questions, and connecting them to the campus community and educational resources. The mentors are junior or senior year students and recipients of a FFWS grant. Peer mentors are supervised on each campus by either the financial aid department or the advising department.

Realizing the Gift of Education.

The foundation of FFWS is based on the belief that every person has equal value and the capacity to learn. When you help to assure a highly educated workforce it leads to increased ethical thinking, life opportunities, civic involvement, philanthropic giving, a reduction in criminal behavior, better health, and better care of our environment.

Mid-September
University of Wisconsin four year campuses identify students who meet eligibility criteria

End of September
Grant recipients selected

October
Notification to students
Students reply to FFWS and accept grant

End of October - Early November
FFWS notifies school of students' grant status.
FFWS sends money to schools for students.
Grant is posted to student's financial aid account.

FFWS provides need-based grants to randomly selected, recent graduates of Wisconsin public high schools. There is no application process; eligibility is determined using data from the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).

To be eligible, one must:

- Be a resident of Wisconsin*
- Have been a full-time, resident student in a Wisconsin public school for four semesters prior to graduation*
- Have received a Wisconsin public high school diploma or HSED within the past three years*
- Be under the age of 21 years at initial eligibility*
- Be in a first degree **residential** program **unless** moving directly from a WTCS or UWC (**only college attended**) with at least 24 successful credits*
- Be enrolled full time in a UW System university based in Wisconsin*
- Be a PELL grant recipient at initial eligibility*
- Have remaining unmet financial need*