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## 2026 Charles Van Sickle Scholarship

The Federated Youth Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that it will once again award the Charles Van Sickle Scholarship in 2026. The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a pre-law or law student who has an interest in cooperative law. The scholarship is made possible by an endowment established in 2013 to honor Wisconsin's renowned electric cooperative lobbyist and attorney, the late Charles Van Sickle. The scholarship will be awarded during the Spring 2026 semester.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Pre-law or law students who **reside in Wisconsin** and **have an interest in cooperative law** are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students whose parents or grandparents are members of cooperatives, credit unions or mutual insurance companies.
- Applicants may be awarded this scholarship only once.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point of 3.0 on a 4.0-point scale.
- Applicants will be judged on scholastic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, and personal/life goals.
- To be eligible, all areas of the application form must be filled out and submitted together.
- Attach to your application transcripts through your most recently completed semester (undergraduate or law school) and a copy of your Spring 2026 course schedule.
- Scholarship applications will be judged by a selection committee appointed by the Federated Youth Foundation.
- All applications are due at the Federated Youth Foundation office no later than **April 1, 2026.**

Please make sure to return the following documents to the Federated Youth Foundation by **April 1, 2026:**

- A completed application form
- A personal essay, 500 words or less
- Two reference letters, signed and in sealed envelopes
- List your two references with their contact information
- Official grade transcripts
- Your Spring 2026 course schedule

**Applications received after April 1, 2026, will NOT be considered.**

**Submit application form and attachments to:**

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## Charles Van Sickle Scholarship Application

Name of proposed recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-ops, credit unions, and/or mutual insurance companies to which you, your parents or grandparents belong:

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College, university, or law school you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major and Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended career upon graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstration of leadership, scholastic achievement, activities, and goals. (Attach additional pages, if necessary)

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Extracurricular activities while in college. List in order of importance to you. (Attach additional pages, if necessary)

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**Personal Essay:** Write a personal essay (500 words or less) about yourself which includes significant events in your life, as well as your educational goals and future career plans. Discuss in detail why you decided to go to law school and your interest in cooperative law. Provide any additional information about yourself you wish to share that might be relevant. (Attach as separate page/pages)

**References:** Please submit two letters of reference in support of your application. In addition, list the name, address, occupation, telephone number and email address for each of your references. The reference letters must be signed in sealed envelopes and submitted as part of the application. Please direct any questions to FYF Executive Director Rob Richard at 608-467-4649 or [fyf@weca.coop](mailto:fyf@weca.coop)

By signing below, I acknowledge the above/attached information is true and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_