

**MARINETTE CATHOLIC CENTRAL FOUNDATION**  
***Dorothy Wendel Foley Memorial Scholarship***

Marinette Catholic Central Foundation supports academic excellence and personal growth of students at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. The *Dorothy Wendel Foley Memorial Scholarship* targets young women who are rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and encourages pursuit and enjoyment of music/journalism/language in conjunction with academic accomplishment and extra-curricular interests.

One scholarship equaling 50% of tuition and fees will be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Selection Criteria:**

- This scholarship is open to young women who will be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the academic year 2026-2027 and will be applied toward tuition at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.
- Minimum 2.8 GPA is required.
- Participation in extra-curricular activities that promote personal growth and service to others is desired.
- Desire to pursue post-secondary education is encouraged.

**Application Process:**

1. Complete Marinette Catholic Central Foundation Merit Scholarship Application form
2. Complete essay questions and attach
3. Return the application materials to the Marinette Catholic Central Foundation or STAA office by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026.

**Marinette Catholic Central Merit Scholarship  
APPLICATION**

Student Name:

Parents' Names:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Daytime Telephone:

Academic History:

Elementary School & Years Attended:

Middle School & Years Attended:

Middle School GPA:

References:

Please list the names and phone numbers for three people who we may contact as references: one teacher, one adult, one friend.  
Family members and relatives are excluded.

Name:

Phone:

Relationship:

Name:

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## **Who was Dorothy Wendel Foley?**

A former Twin Cities hometown girl and resident, Dorothy Wendel Foley attended the former Sacred Heart School from 2nd-8th grades in the 1930s.

She was the class valedictorian. She then matriculated into Marinette High (National Honor Society member) and went on to attend Carroll College and graduate from UW-Madison. She double-majored in journalism and French, studied voice, and loved opera. Her professional accomplishments are many and include career stints with WMAM, the Marinette Eagle-Star, Pan American World Airways, Shell Oil Company, American Broadcasting Co., Martin Marietta Corp.

She married a tall Texan, had two daughters, loved Friday night fish fries, local charities, and her extended family. Once retired, Dorothy remained active with the local library, the Seattle Symphony, Pacific Northwest Ballet, and Seattle Opera Guild.

She was, in many ways, a woman ahead of her time and supremely adventuresome. This scholarship is established as a legacy to honor and commemorate hers!

For more information:

<http://bartonfuneral.com/2012/11/02/dorothy-wendel-foley/>

## **Tips on Completing this Application**

As a journalist, creative and technical writer, Dorothy would likely offer the following advice to prospective scholars:

- Words have meaning. Use them wisely and accurately.
- Write descriptively and persuasively; conversationally if apropos.
- Be succinct.
- Be complete and thorough in your answers.
- Write with the reader in mind.
- Proof your work. Again. And again.
- Submit your application prior to the deadline.

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**Essay Questions**  
**(250-500 words each)**

Tell us about your academic interests; what are your favorite subjects and why? (20 points)

If you could travel to a place you've never been, where would you go and why? (20 points)

Tell us about any musical interests. If you don't play a musical instrument or participate in choral activities, what instrument would you like to play? (20 points)

If you could learn any language, which one(s) would you choose and why? (20 points)

Tell us about your favorite extra-curricular activity. (20 points)

Who do you consider a strong female role model? (Optional)