

Conrad and Merece Lubarski Champions Club Fund

The Conrad and Merece Lubarski Champions Club Fund was established in June 2021 to support scholarships and provide financial support for the post-secondary education of Stephen-Argyle Central School District's graduates. Another focus when establishing this fund was to support both the Stephen-Argyle Central School District ISD 2856 and the communities of Argyle and Stephen as they create progress and change for students and communities.

This fund celebrates the legacy of Conrad and Merece Lubarski and encourages the values they have lived by and passed down as role models to the 1981 Argyle Eagle's State Championship team members. Their legacy continues to thrive in all Stephen-Argyle Central State and Section Championship teams.

The Conrad and Merece Lubarski Champions Fund is a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, a community foundation with a mission of Building Better Lives in northwest Minnesota.

Financial Status of the CML Fund: Currently the CML fund has \$275,639.92 in the endowed fund and \$24,296.20 in the spendable fund. A total of \$294,481.00 in assets as of 10/30/23.

Communication: The CML Fund has established a number of virtual communication tools to engage CML Fund supporters. The following are ways to connect with the CML Fund:

Website: <http://www.sac.k12.mn.us/connie--merece-lubarski-champions-fund.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551617875295>

Email: championsclub@sac.k12.mn.us

Guiding Principles of the CML Fund: This is currently a work in progress by the Board. A focus continues to be the academic scholarship started by the fund. In addition, the CML Board is working to establish a focus on capital projects that will make an impact in the communities of Argyle, Stephen, and the NW Region. We will continue to accept input to develop the guiding principles for the future.

Funding Proposals: If you have an idea for a capital funding proposal, please access the website at <http://www.sac.k12.mn.us/connie--merece-lubarski-champions-fund.html> - The funding proposal form is available on the site.

The Conrad and Merece Lubarski Champions Fund will be awarding the 3rd annual scholarship at Stephen-Argyle Central Awards Day Friday, May 10th. The first scholarship awarded from the fund was awarded in 2022 to Macy Haugen – daughter of Curt and Laurie Haugen and the second scholarship recipient from the fund in 2023 was Claire McGlynn – daughter of David and Alana McGlynn.

The selection process involves a written application, 2 letters of reference, and an interview with the scholarship committee. The scholarship is \$5,000 and is awarded after the first successful semester of school.

The CML Champions Fund has currently raised over \$290,000 in funds to support academic scholarships for SAC students, activities at Stephen-Argyle Central and growth in the communities of Argyle and

Stephen. The goal of the fund is to raise \$500,000 before 2026 to ensure that the endowed and spendable funds can support SAC, community projects, and fulfill the CML Champions Fund mission.



Please visit <http://www.sac.k12.mn.us/connie--merece-lubarski-champions-fund.html> to look at our website (currently in development) to recognize all the championship teams from Argyle, Stephen, and Stephen-Argyle Central.

To contribute to the CML Fund, please send your donation to:
Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Attn: Connie and Merece Lubarski Champions Fund
201 3rd Street NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Or donate online by following the directions below:

- www.nwmf.com
- Give Now
- Choose Conrad and Merece Lubrski Champions Education Fund from the “Please direct my donation to” drop down menu
- Follow the prompts for submitting your donation

We are creating an e-mailing list for the CML Fund – If you are interested in receiving updates in this manner, please send an email to championsclub@sac.k12.mn.us. We will be developing that e-mailing list this spring & summer.

If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the CML Champions Fund, please contact Dr. Christopher Mills cmills@sac.k12.mn.us, Jay Labine labine.jay@gmail.com, David Bergeron dave.bergeron@ics-builds.com, or Shawn Hunstad shunstad@sterncomp.com

Roll Storm!
CML Committee