



Fred and Leona Eppinger Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

In 2007, Fred and Leona Eppinger's children created this scholarship to celebrate their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. It is awarded to students from David Prouty High School who have excellent grades and have participated in extracurricular activities.

Fred Eppinger (1918-2012) was born and raised in Worcester. He graduated from North High School and went into business raising chickens on Nelson Place Road. Leona Baril (1921-2015) was born in Vermont and grew up in Oxford. After graduating

from Oxford High School as class Valedictorian, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for a local business and was an occasional hostess at a restaurant, where she and Fred first met. They married in 1947 and were together for 65 years, raising six children – first in Worcester for 10 years, then in Spencer for 21 years – before retiring to South Harwich, MA. In Spencer, Fred continued his poultry business and Leona was active in her church and the public schools. As PTA President, she played a large role in persuading the town to build David Prouty High School.

Enjoying their later years on Cape Cod, their favorite events were family gatherings, filled with Leona's good food. Fred drove a school bus and provided lawn care and other services to homeowners. Leona volunteered at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. They inspired their children through their tireless involvement in community life and devotion to their large family. This scholarship is a loving tribute to their selfless ideals and all they accomplished. The family hopes that this financial assistance will inspire students to continue working hard in school and giving back to their community.

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