Peter Ries Engineering Scholarship

**Background:** Peter Ries (1918-1972) was Chief Engineer at the Garton Toy Company (maker of sleds, sidewalk trikes, cars and more). He left school after the ninth grade to help on the family farm. At age 17, he joined the Garton Toy Company factory and became a welder and, eventually, foreman. He later became a draftsman through home study, otherwise known as "correspondence school" at that time. He also took engineering courses, and, as a result, was promoted to Chief Engineer at the company. The entire design and architectural drawings for their "new" factory (presently the Kohler Generator plant) was done on drafting tables in his basement. He published an article in Popular Mechanics magazine describing the assembly line he designed for manufacturing sidewalk toys. He was later promoted to vice president of the company. Hard work, determination, ingenuity, and imagination were Peter’s approach to his profession. We are seeking a talented student to accept this scholarship in his honor. This award is being funded by Peter’s son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Marilyn Ries of Sheboygan through the UW-Sheboygan Foundation.

**The Scholarship:** This scholarship is FULL TUITION and provides compensation for up to or equal to the UW-Sheboygan resident tuition rate. This award is open to students from ANY area high school. If you are enrolled in both on-campus and non-plateau UW Colleges online classes, you will be responsible for any costs that exceed the resident full-time tuition costs at UW-Sheboygan. In addition to any excess online course fees, fees that are not covered include special course fees and excess credit (over 18 credits) fee surcharges.

**Criteria:**

1. Student must be accepted as a student at UW-Sheboygan
2. Student must be enrolled at FULL-TIME status
3. Student must have declared Engineering as an intended major
4. Student must have achieved a minimum of a 25 ACT score and/or a 3.5 cumulative GPA in high school
5. Student must complete the required essay
6. Student must provide 2-3 letters of recommendation from high school counselor(s), teacher(s) or principal, or employer
7. Student must provide copies of ACT scores and official high school transcripts
8. This scholarship is renewable each semester for up to two years and meeting academic achievement guidelines and course enrollment requirements each semester
To Renew the Scholarship, the Student Needs To:

1. Be in “good academic standing” at UW-Sheboygan
2. Still have Engineering as their intended major
3. Have achieved a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at UW-Sheboygan and a 3.0 GPA within Pre-Engineering required courses (see item 4 below)
4. Enroll in two UW-Sheboygan (not excluding Non-Online Distance Education) required Pre-Engineering courses each semester. Students will be required to meet with an academic advisor each semester who can ensure that Engineering or Pre-Engineering related courses are being taken by the student. Students should meet with their advisor PRIOR to registering for classes for the upcoming semester.