

Miss Door County Scholarship Program

Number of employees: 0

Number of volunteers: 59

What is your Mission Statement?

Empowering Women to Lead with Purpose Throughout Door County

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

Grant Funding: 10%

Individual Donations: 40%

Business Donations / Ad Sales: 50%

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

Our program is open to women in all of Door County ages:

5-13 for our Cherry Blossom Mentoring Program

14 - 18 for our Teen Program

18 - 28 for our Miss Program

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

The Miss Door County Scholarship Program serves the Door County community by investing in the education, leadership development, and personal growth of young women while creating opportunities for them to give back to the communities they represent. Through scholarships, mentorship, leadership development, community service, and public engagement, our program works to develop the next generation of confident, compassionate, and community-minded leaders.

Our primary program is the annual Miss Door County Scholarship Competition, which provides young women with an opportunity to earn educational scholarships while developing skills in communication, leadership, public speaking, interview preparation, and community engagement. In 2026, our program awarded more than \$24,000 in college scholarships to local participants - and we have awarded nearly \$300,000 in our 30 year history.

Our work extends well beyond the annual competition. Throughout the year, our titleholders receive ongoing mentorship and professional development from our Board of Directors and community partners. They participate in community events, volunteer initiatives, educational programs, and public appearances, serving as ambassadors for Door County and using their platforms to bring attention to causes and issues that matter to our community.

We also provide opportunities for younger girls through mentorship and leadership initiatives, helping introduce them to confidence-building, service, and leadership at an early age. Through these programs, the Miss Door County Scholarship Program strives to create a lasting impact - not only by helping young women pursue higher

education, but by equipping them with the skills, mentorship, and experiences to become active leaders and contributors in Door County and beyond.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

We define our impact by the lives we change through scholarships, mentorship, leadership development, and community service. For nearly three decades, the Miss Door County Scholarship Program has invested in young women from our community, helping them pursue higher education while developing the confidence, leadership skills, professional experiences, and sense of service needed to become engaged community leaders.

Our impact extends beyond the financial value of the scholarships we award. Through year-round mentorship and leadership opportunities, our titleholders are challenged to identify causes they are passionate about, serve their communities, build professional relationships, and use their voices to create positive change. They become ambassadors for Door County at community events and throughout the state, bringing visibility and positive representation to the communities they call home.

We also measure our impact through the continued success and service of our former titleholders. The women who come through our program carry the lessons, relationships, and confidence they gain into their careers, families, communities, and future leadership roles.

Ultimately, we believe our greatest impact is creating a cycle of investment: Door County invests in its young women through scholarships and mentorship, those young women grow into educated and engaged leaders, and they return that investment through service, leadership, and contributions to their communities. Our goal is not simply to crown a titleholder each year, but to help develop the women who will help shape the future of Door County.

What is your annual budget?

\$60,000

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

We would ensure that this donation would strictly go to our scholarship fund for the next generation of Door County's empowered female leaders!