

## Maxwell Schmidt

Winneconne-Poygan F.D.



Maxwell Schmidt, a volunteer with the Winneconne-Poygan Fire District, is pursuing a fire service education to reach his goal of becoming a fire chief. “My overall goal is to never stop learning. An instructor at school once told me ‘if you don’t show up every day to learn something then you have failed as a firefighter,’” he wrote in his

application for the Jim Stormer Scholarship awarded annually by the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association.

“There is a history of firefighters in my family. Two of my uncles, dad and cousin are all service members. It makes me proud to carry on the family tradition in such a unique and challenging field,” he added.

Max said he will use the \$1,500 scholarship in pursuit of a Fire Medic Associates Degree at Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

Since graduating from Oshkosh West High School, Max has worked in several construction related jobs in addition to serving as a middle school football coach and a volunteer firefighter EMT.

He works at Harmony Hills Tree Farm where he is responsible for

customer relations and loading trees for wholesale.

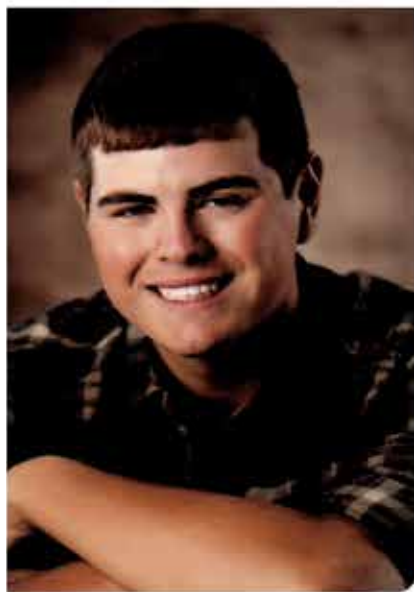
He lists gaining certifications as a Firefighter 1, Hazmat Operations, Basic EMT and Fire investigator as among his greatest accomplishments. While in high school, Max was captain of the football team and an all-conference linebacker.

“Max has always stood out to me as a very mature and responsible young adult,” according to Lynn Swoverland, one of his high school counselors.

“Max is a caring individual. He always looked out for his peers in high school. So, it is no surprise that he has dedicated himself to the field of fire service. Max is incredibly helpful, calm, and rational. I have no doubt he will make a tremendous positive impact in his field,” she added.

## Tucker Moynihan

Oconto Falls F.D.



“Perhaps most notably is Tucker’s high level of commitment to preparing for a career as a firefighter and paramedic. This has required significant dedication and sacrifice.”  
Oconto Falls High School Principal

Daniel Moore is describing one of the reasons 2021 graduate Tucker Moynihan deserved to win the \$1,500 Jim Stormer Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association.

Tucker, 19, of Oconto Falls, plans to use the scholarship while pursuing a Fire Medic Associates Degree at Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

He serves as an interior firefighter for both the Oconto Falls Fire Department and the Green Valley-Morgan Fire Company.

He is certified as an Entry Level Firefighter, Firefighter 1, Hazmat Operations, and entry level driver for both engines and tenders. Fire service has been in his family for decades.

“I can remember one Christmas Eve when Grandpa Moynihan’s pager

went off for a house fire. He raced out of the house to get to the fire station in as little time as possible,” Tucker wrote in his scholarship application.

“A few minutes later, I remember watching the fire trucks go by the house. From that moment on, I was hooked! I knew someday I would be a firefighter,” he added.

Tucker’s dream of serving on a department with his grandfather became a reality in June of 2020 when Tucker became a member of the Oconto Falls department. He described his two greatest accomplishments as being a member of both the Oconto Falls and Green-Valley Morgan departments and an all-conference football lineman his senior year in high school.