

AMAZING ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

administered by the Elizabeth Forward Alumni & Friends Association

ABOUT THE AMAZING ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was established by Kelsey Meyers to honor the memory and career of her teacher, coach, and friend, Tammy Ditter Blackwood who passed in 2018. This will be an annual scholarship donated from the funds raised at the Bridgerton Bunco for Blackwood Fundraiser.

Tammy was an incredible athlete in her younger years. She earned a spot as an Olympic qualifier and set an American record in swimming. Once turning her efforts towards teaching and coaching, Tammy led countless students to compete at WPIAL and PIAA swimming competitions each year. She also established the Partner's PE Program at Elizabeth Forward High School. While Tammy loved to see her student athletes excel, she valued hard work, dedication, and character growth even more. She greatly impacted many students and families during her 31 years at Elizabeth Forward.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

One \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating female student athlete at Elizabeth Forward High School who plans to attend either a 2- or 4-year college or university as a full-time student.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all completed applications based on leadership activities, athletics, and service. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required along with a letter of reference from a coach or teacher. Please note that the student does not have to be playing a sport during her freshman year of college to be eligible for the scholarship.

NOTIFICATION AND RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will be notified by early May via e-mail and a confirmation letter. The letter will inform the recipient of what needs to be provided to EFAPA to receive the scholarship. Information relating to a required thank you letter will be included with the confirmation letter.

THE APPLICATION

1. Using word processing, submit the following information. Include the number/letter of the item when providing your information.
 - a. Name of the scholarship for which you are applying:
 - b. Your name:
 - c. Home Address:
 - d. Home Telephone Number:
 - e. Cell Telephone Number:
 - f. Texting Number:
 - g. E-mail Address:
 - h. Name of 4-year college/university you plan to attend:
 - i. Name of intended major:

- j. Briefly explain why you believe you meet the criteria for this scholarship:
 - k. A Reference letter from a coach or teacher is required: **Please provide a letter of recommendation attesting to this student's character, the growth you have seen in them during the time you have known them, and what qualities they possess that will help them to succeed in their future endeavors.**
 - l. Write a 200-300-word essay (double-spaced) on this prompt: **Please describe how playing a sport has contributed to your personal growth and helped to shape your character. How have these lessons prepared you for the next chapter of life after high school graduation?**
2. As a separate document, prepare an up-to-date personal resume that includes your academic achievements, senior-year courses, extracurricular activities, community service, etc.
 3. Make two copies of all application materials (including your essay and resume) and collate them into two separate packets so each packet contains one copy of each document and then staple each packet.
 4. Place both packets into one unsealed 9 x 12 envelope.
 5. Write your name and the scholarship name on the outside of the envelope.
 6. Submit all materials to your guidance counselor as soon as possible but not later than February 28.
 7. Request that your counselor provide EFAPA with your EFHS academic transcript.