



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR Michael R. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship Fund Shenango Valley Foundation

Purpose

Created to honor the memory of Michael R. Hardesty, this fund will provide a scholarship to a graduating high school senior of Lakeview High School who has participated in the track & field or cross country program.

Michael, a 2005 Lakeview High School graduate, attended Gannon University for two years then transferred to Slippery Rock University, where he majored in chemistry.

In high school, Michael excelled in cross country and track & field. He earned PIAA State cross country medals in 2003 and 2004 as well as 2 PIAA State track & field medals in 2005. He set individual records at Lakeview in the 800-meter, 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs in 2005. The Meadville Tribune named Michael as one of the District 10 fall season athletes of the year in 2003, and the District 10 athletes of the year in 2005.

Mike was a natural athlete and enjoyed running, golf and paintball. He especially loved paintball competition and while at Gannon helped start the Gannon Paintball Club, which would travel and play competitively. He was a long-time Taekwondo student and earned his third-degree black belt in Grove City, Pa., and was a member of the American Taekwondo Association.

The Michael R. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee will primarily consider participation in the track & field or cross country program, content of the essay, and academic performance.

Please include with your scholarship application the following:

- Write an original essay addressing the topic: “How has your participation in the track & field and/or cross country program positively impacted your life?”
- Provide your high school records indicating the courses and grades obtained to date, SAT scores, and class rank.
- Attach in writing any community groups or activities with which you are involved.
- Please provide a personal reference letter from a teacher, coach, guidance counselor or employer.

The Selection Committee that will determine scholarship recipients shall be a committee approved by the Community Foundation. (No scholarships will be given to applicants who are direct relatives of the donors or, to trustees, officers or employees of the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH.)

Eligibility

Any graduating senior student of a Lakeview High School who participates in the track & field or cross country programs.

Terms of Scholarship

The Committee will grant scholarships for one year only. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the Committee without regard to the race or religion or sex of the applicants or his or her political or economic views. The Committee shall place no restriction upon a candidate's choice of college or university.

The Committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid directly to the institution. This grant covers tuition, fees or books for the applicable semester/quarter.

The Community Foundation hosts a luncheon honoring the recipients and donors, which is typically scheduled for mid-June. Should you be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship, your attendance at this luncheon is strongly encouraged.

Application

Each applicant will complete the "Request for Scholarship" application forms available from the high school guidance office or online at www.sv-foundation.org.

Make and keep copies for your records of all forms that you send to us.

1. The application must be filed by March 7 of the current year.
2. Return Scholarship Application to:

Community Foundation
Michael R. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship
33 Chestnut Street
Sharon, PA 16146

3. Once the application is submitted, it will be considered at a regular meeting of the Scholarship Committee.
4. The Committee's selection for the scholarship will be announced at the senior awards ceremony. The applicant will receive a letter of instruction at that time outlining the next steps in the process.

Please do not submit the instruction pages with your application. You should remove and retain these instructions for your personal records. Also, please refrain from using staples or report covers as much as possible.

The Community Foundation
The Michael R. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship
REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Social Security Number _____

Birth Date _____ Gender: Male or Female Email: _____

High School _____ Date Graduated _____

Educational Plans:

List in order of personal preference those colleges or universities to which you will apply.

College/University

1.

2.

3.

4.

Do you plan to commute or reside on campus? _____

Major or field(s) of interest: _____

Proposed profession: _____

Parents or Guardians:

Father (Guardian) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Employed by _____ How Long? _____

Mother (Guardian) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Employed by _____ How Long? _____

Marital Status of Parents: () Married () Separated () Divorced () Widowed () Single

Number of Siblings _____ Siblings in College _____

Family Income:

Parent(s) \$ _____ (List earned income provided from income tax return)

Scholarships \$ _____

Student Income \$ _____

Other:

Are you receiving any other financial assistance for your education? _____

If yes, how? _____

Student Employment Record:

Employed at: _____

Date of Hire: _____ Department: _____

Position _____

Certification:

In signing this application, I certify that the information given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In connection with this application for a scholarship from the *Michael R. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship* Program, I hereby authorize the administrator serving this program to request from any school attended by me: information, transcripts, financial aid records and any other records deemed necessary for the administration of this scholarship program, and I authorize any such school to submit any information, transcripts and other records that may be requested by the scholarship administrator.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____