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The James L. Arnold Memorial Scholarship
\$500 Award Based on Nomination

The James L. Arnold Leadership Scholarship award is given in memory of Army Pfc. James L. “Jimmy” Arnold, a true American hero, who died in the service of his country on March 15, 2007, while on duty in Iraq. His father, along with members of his family, friends and involved citizens, have established an endowed memorial fund in order to preserve Jimmy’s legacy of exemplary leadership.

During his career as a varsity hockey player at Mattawan High School, Jimmy Arnold was hard working, focused and self-disciplined. A fierce competitor, he expected 100% of himself and his teammates. Jimmy was well-liked, honest and personable, motivating his team to be their best both on and off the ice. He was a good citizen, an excellent student and above all, respectful of others—a true team player.

The intent of this annual college scholarship is to grant financial assistance toward a college degree to one graduating senior varsity athlete, either male or female, who best reflects the leadership skills and traits shown by Jimmy Arnold during his athletic endeavors at Mattawan High School and his service in the United States Army.

Nomination and Selection Process

This scholarship is unique in that it is determined by a nomination process rather than an application process. All nominations are submitted by the Mattawan High School varsity coaches. There is no application form for this scholarship.

A Selection Committee reviews the nominations and determines the recipient to be honored with this scholarship award. The Selection Committee includes the High School Principal or designee, the MCS Athletic Director, one or more MPEF representative(s) and a member of the Arnold family.

Nomination Criteria

Students who are nominated for this award must meet the following criteria:

1. Participated on a varsity athletic team.
2. Expressed an interest in pursuing a college degree.
3. Have established at least a 3.0 grade point average.
4. Have visibly demonstrated many of the following leadership traits/skills: a hard worker, a team player, a positive attitude, respectfulness, truthfulness, the ability to motivate others, self-discipline, mental focus and other established and identifiable leadership factors.