

Mattawan Public Education Foundation
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The Mattawan Little League Scholarship
\$500

From humble beginnings in 1939, Little League has become the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 200,000 teams formed yearly in all 50 States and more than 80 countries worldwide. Mattawan Little League, established in 1983, is a successful, community based organization, reaching out to hundreds of youth each year from the Mattawan area. As we reach another milestone in 2013 of 30 years of continuous community involvement, the Board of Directors would like to provide a financial award to deserving youth that exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship, fair play and teamwork.

Mattawan Little League offers a scholarship to a graduating senior from Mattawan High School who has demonstrated his or her continued support of Little League through active participation and volunteering within the organization and throughout the community. It is imperative for the recipient to have shown great sportsmanship, leadership and an overall positive attitude towards Little League and the community. Those students who have demonstrated good citizenship and whose spirit exemplifies effort, determination and persistence in attaining the goal of higher education are eligible to apply.

Scholarship/Essay Criteria:

- Describe any volunteering you have done that is associated with Mattawan Little League.
- Reflect on what you have learned from playing/volunteering with the Little League program.
- Identify community service you have completed outside of Little League.
- Describe school and community activities in which you have been involved.
- Explain why you feel you deserve this scholarship over other candidates.
- Indicate GPA (must be 3.0 or higher)
- Indicate years of involvement/play with Mattawan Little League (must be 4+ years and will be verified by Mattawan LL Board).

How to Apply:

Create your application packet using the four-step format below. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Submit four copies of all pages of your application, blacking out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters. Your application will not be accepted without all four copies (the high school office cannot make copies).

Application Format (Complete all four steps and then make four copies of the application packet):

1. Cover Sheet

- Type the **Name of the Scholarship** for which you are applying
- Type the **Last four digits of your Social Security Number** (NO NAME please as a blind process is used. Attach a sticky note with your name to the finished scholarship application so that the high school office secretary can log in your scholarship application.)
- Type your **Date of Birth**
- Type the **College or University you plan to attend**
- Type your **Major or Course of Study**
- Copy the **Scholarship/Essay Criteria** exactly as listed above

2. Essay

On a separate sheet, type your essay according to the specific scholarship criteria listed on your cover sheet.

- Use 12 pt. font
- Double space
- Two page maximum
- Be sure to include the last four digits of your social security number in upper right hand corner of each page.
- A title for your essay should be centered at the top of the first page.

3. Letters of Recommendation

- Enclose one character reference from someone outside your family, such as a group leader, advisor, coach, pastor, employer, etc. Please include his or her address and phone number on each letter.
- Ask one teacher to fill out the MPEF recommendation form provided on the school website. The teacher will send this form directly to the office. It will not be included in the packet of materials you submit, but will be added to your packet by one of the office staff. This recommendation form is specific to this scholarship application, as we cannot accept a letter the teacher may have written for you for another purpose (i.e., a reference letter from a teacher to be used for college admission).

4. Official High School Student Transcript

- Attach a copy of your Official High School Transcript which includes first semester of your senior year. This can be printed from your personal Infinite Campus Portal under "Reports" then "HS Transcript"

5. College or University Letter(s) of Acceptance

- Attach a copy of the letter(s) of acceptance you have received from the college or university you will be attending.

6. Submit Four Copies of your Application Packet

- Make four copies of your application packet and submit them to the high school office.
- Make sure to black out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters.
- Your application packet will not be accepted without all four copies. The high school office cannot make copies.