

## **6 - Frank Baldachino Essay Scholarship Award**

### **History:**

APPENDIX In accordance with National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's (NIAAA) purpose to promote, facilitate and increase the knowledge and understanding of the vital role of interscholastic athletics in the educational system, this scholarship program will foster and recognize the partnership between the NIAAA and secondary education. The Baldachino Scholarships will recognize the distinguished scholastic, leadership and sportsmanship attributes of high school student-athletes, and the importance of high school athletics in each student's life.

Essay Topic: "How High School Athletics has impacted my Life"

### **Criteria:**

- Applicant must have achieved at least two (2) of the following: (a) minimum of B+ average; (b) ranked in the top 25% of class; (c) ACT score of 24 or an SAT score of 1500 (Math, Reading and Writing).
- Applicant must have participated in two sports for two years in each sport
- Applicant must have earned at least one varsity letter in each of two sports
- Applicant must complete attached scholar application
- Applicant must have a letter of recommendation signed from the high school athletic administrator/director
- School Athletic Administrator/Director must be an NIAAA member and a member of their respective state athletic administrators association
- The principal or athletic administrator/director must sign the application to ensure that the academic information submitted is accurate
- All materials hard or electronic must be postmarked to the NIAAA Liaison no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Selection Process:** Committee to be comprised of three members to read applications, one of which will be the chair from the Bd. of Trustees and vote on a scale of 1-5, 1 being the highest score.

### **Awards:**

State DAANJ Winners - one male and one female will each receive a plaque recognizing the individuals as the state winners and will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship.

NIAAA Section Winners - one male and one female will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, and a certificate recognizing them as section winners.

National Winners - one male and one female will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship, and a glass etching recognizing them as national winners.

### **Mail Applications to:**

Mr. Daryl Jones, Athletic Director

Wallkill Valley High School, 10 Grumm Road, Hamburg, NJ 07419

Cell: 973-827-4100 ext. 240 Email: djones@wallkill.k12.nj.us

**APPENDIX 6A - Frank Baldachino Essay Scholarship Award Application**

(PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY)

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living / Deceased

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not same as above) Street Address City State Zip

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living / Deceased

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not same as above) Street Address City State Zip

High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Principal or Athletic Director signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print Principal/Athletic Director Name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's NIAAA Member Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship:**

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students in senior class (if school ranks).

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe scholastic distinctions or honors received during high school:  
Sport Years Letters Honors

**Leadership:**

School Organization Participation/Leadership Positions:

Community Organization Participation/Leadership Positions:

Community Service/Volunteer Service:

**Citizenship:**

Please read the excerpt below “The Code for Living,” from the book, *Winning More Than the Game*, by Fred Northup.

**The Code – Life Principles Learned Through Sports**

Because I am a role model and have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to this Code. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to it.

**1) As an Individual:**

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of anyone either as an athlete or as a fan.

**2) As a Member of a Team:**

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach.

**3) As a Member of Society:**

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.

Briefly detail a unique personal reflection that focuses on one of the three parts of the above code. Your response may involve yourself, another individual(s), or an experience during your high school career.

**Essay:**

On one 8.5"x11" single spaced 12 point Tahoma or Geneva style font please address the following statement: **"HOW HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE?"**

Please forward all materials to:

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Hard Copy Application and essay must be postmarked and/or electronic copy must be received by February 1st. Notification by end of February.