Don Rising Memorial Scholarship



Dear Applicant,

Upon the unfortunate passing of Don Rising in November 2004, a scholarship fund was set up in his name. Don was a devoted father, coach, and friend to many. His passion was to always be involved. Don grew up in Calumet City attending St. Victor Grade School and T. F. North High School (Class of '68). He coached at T. F. North, Seton Academy, and St. Victor School. Much of his time was also spent volunteering at Park District, church, and school activities. Through these involvements, he became a well-known coach and dedicated friend. This scholarship was initiated in the hope that his spirit and attitude would be passed on to others.

Through the unselfish efforts of his family, friends, and numerous organization and business donors, money was raised to support this scholarship fund. The Don Rising Memorial Golf Outing, held in September of 2020, along with private donations, raised enough money for six \$1000 scholarships to be awarded.

This is a one time award to local applicants with the following qualifications: all entrants must be a current high school senior or college student, in good standing, with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above, and without discipline suspensions. Lastly, you should be active in school athletics and/or activities, as well as community involvement. Applications will be screened and finalists will be chosen by the Don Rising Scholarship Committee, consisting of teachers and coaches that knew Don well. The Scholarship Committee determines the winners by a person that is as well-rounded as Don was. Even though scholastics are a very important part of your school career, the committee's focus is on the whole picture of community service, athletics and/or activities along with academics.

In order to apply for this award, please fill out the attached questionnaire. Awards and accomplishments may be done in resume form. You will also need to write a 200-word essay explaining why your school and/or community involvement is important to your future as an adult in today's society. Entries must be returned by August 1, 2022 by mailing to Bonnie Rising, 522 Saginaw, Calumet City, IL, 60409 or emailed back. I can also be contacted at <u>barising@yahoo.com</u>. Applications will NOT be considered unless it includes ALL of the above information - completed application and essay.

The Don Rising Memorial Golf Outing is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2022 if all goes well. I would personally like to thank you for applying, and wish you well in your efforts.

Sincerely, Bonnie Rising