

Max Sheffield Memorial Scholarship Application

Purpose

The Max Sheffield Memorial Scholarship is to provide two New Albany High School senior athletes (one female and one male) each with a \$500.00 scholarship to the college or university of his or her choice.

About Max Sheffield

Robert Maxwell Sheffield (Max) was born March 27, 2008. On December 19, 2022, he and his parents, Ted and Sharon, died tragically in a vehicle-train collision in Sherman, MS. Max was a 9th grader at New Albany High School where he was an honor roll student, a standout athlete, and a leader among his peers. His warm, inviting personality endeared him to fellow students and teachers alike, and he was the perfect exemplification of the Bulldog school spirit. Max was involved in many sports during his time at New Albany. He was a contributing player to the soccer and football teams, and he also played for the middle school baseball team. In addition to sports, he excelled in academics. Max performed exceptionally well in his advanced classes. For example, he made a perfect score on the 8th grade Math test. He was also an active member of the Boy Scouts. He was an amazing, all around student who worked hard at everything he did. To know Max, was to love him. He was kind hearted, servant minded, a leader, respectable, hardworking, dependable, humble, and had a great sense of humor. He was protective of those he loved, and he took great care of them. Max truly touched so many lives in his short time here on earth, and those who knew him well were blessed. He is greatly missed and will always be remembered as a wonderful person who made our world a better place. Max's short, purpose-filled life will always be an example for others to emulate.

Scholarship Criteria and Evaluation Process

Recipients of the scholarship are selected based on the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a senior athlete at New Albany High School meeting all graduation requirements **and** contributing to the same varsity team sport for a minimum 3 years.
2. Completed application form **and** a copy of transcript.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation that can attest to the applicant's character and work ethic (1 from a teacher and 1 from a community member not a teacher in New Albany School District and not related to the applicant).
4. Write a biographical essay (1 page typed, double-spaced) about your personal achievement, career goals, and what sets you apart from other applicants.
5. Applications will be reviewed and ranked on the basis of:
 - a. Applicant's character that parallels to Max Sheffield (as described in the letters of recommendation)
 - b. Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - c. Extracurricular involvement
 - d. Applicant's essay
 - e. A personal interview with the scholarship committee
6. The scholarship winners will be made by the Max Sheffield Memorial Scholarship Committee.
7. The monetary portion of this award will be paid directly to the college or university of the recipients' choice before the start of his or her freshman year.
8. Due by the **First April Friday (in school)** of each year, submit an application packet (application, transcript, letters of recommendation, and essay) to the high school counselor.

The scholarship benefits will be awarded & distributed by the CREATE Foundation.

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Age _____

GPA _____ ACT Composite _____ Gender _____

Parent(s) or Guardian _____

Name of accredited institution you plan to attend _____

Future Plans/Goals _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Honors and Awards Received _____

Church and Community Involvement _____
