

COACH & MARILYN SMITH WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

VISION: The vision of the scholarship is to recognize the outstanding success of Bob Smith's coaching career and the equally important supportive efforts of his wife Marilyn.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of The Coach & Marilyn Smith Wrestling Scholarship is three fold:

- 1) The first is to honor the outstanding dedication, high moral and ethical standings, values as a person, leadership and skill exemplified by Coach Robert Smith and his ever present and supportive wife Marilyn.
- 2) The second is to encourage and support young athletes and/or individuals who have been exceptionally supportive of the sport of wrestling who are in need, who have an interest in pursuing their education and wrestling career or continued high level of support for the sport of wrestling beyond high school.
- 3) To promote the sport of wrestling in the same spirit exemplified by Coach and Marilyn Smith.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

Goal 1: To preserve the memory of Coach Smith and his wife Marilyn

Objectives:

1. To promote and award scholarships in the name of Coach & Marilyn Smith
2. To design a permanent plaque to be displayed in Wray High School
3. To present the scholarship winners an individual plaque naming them the Recipient of the award
4. To prepare and deliver a press announcement to the area newspapers regarding the award

Goal 2: To provide economic support in the form of a scholarship for young wrestlers

Objectives:

1. To establish a fund raising campaign to generate money for scholarship awards.
2. To identify outstanding wrestlers or individuals who have been exceptionally supportive of the sport of wrestling who are also good students and want to pursue their wrestling careers or continued high level of support for the sport of wrestling.
3. To recognize young wrestlers or individuals who have been exceptionally supportive of the sport of wrestling who demonstrate leadership and citizenship.
4. To provide money for young wrestlers or individuals who have been exceptionally supportive of the sport of wrestling who are in need of economic support to help pay for their higher education expenses.

Goal 3: To facilitate others' interest in and enjoyment of the sport of wrestling

Objectives:

1. To encourage skilled wrestlers to continue their interest in wrestling.
2. To promote greater wrestling skills so as to improve the quality of the sport.
3. To encourage males and females who are interested in the sport of wrestling to continue their interest and facilitate their ongoing high level of support for the sport of wrestling even if they are not wrestlers themselves.
4. To encourage family involvement in the sport of wrestling.
5. To increase public awareness of the sport of wrestling.

SCHOLARSHIP STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES

Population:

Students who have graduated from high school in one of the following school districts will be eligible to apply for a scholarship award: Akron, Brush, Burlington, Crook, Eckley, Fleming, Haxtun, Idalia, Iliff, Julesburg, Merino, Ovid, Otis, Peetz, Sedgwick, Sterling, Stratton, Wray and Yuma.

Scholarship Committee Chair:

The Scholarship Committee Chair will be selected each year through a majority vote of committee members. The Scholarship Committee Chair will be responsible to: 1) make scholarship applications available to all eligible students who are interested in applying for the scholarship; 2) Collect applications, distribute to all committee members and share the results of the voting with all committee members. 3) Notify the winner of the award; 4) Prepare a press release and make it available for all area newspapers; 5) Arrange for each award recipient to receive a plaque; 6) Notify the Wray School District Education Foundation of the name of the recipient and the designated amount of the award so the money can be forwarded to the recipient's college or university; 8) Arrange for all tax preparations and completion of all government forms if needed; and 9) Arrange for the election of the next years' Scholarship Committee Chair

Scholarship Committee:

The scholarship committee will be composed of seven voting members selected by a majority vote of current committee members. Each committee member will be responsible to review all applications for the Coach & Marilyn Smith Wrestling Scholarship and recommend in hierarchical order their choice(s) of individuals to receive the scholarship award. Each member is encouraged to participate in fund raising efforts.

Holding Company:

All money generated for the scholarship awards will be held in the Wray School District Education Foundation (WSDEF) in Wray, Colorado. The Wray School District Education Foundation will be responsible to make an accurate accounting of all funds received and will provide information regarding the amount of the funds generated to the Scholarship Committee Chair on January 1 and July 1 of each year, or upon request from the chair. The Wray School District Education Foundation will make available all records necessary to

complete any tax preparations or other government forms so as to be in compliance with all federal and state laws. The Wray School District Education Foundation will send thank you notes to all contributors. The Scholarship Committee Chair after majority approval from committee members will be responsible to provide direction to the Wray School District Education Foundation as to how to invest the monies.

Upon direction from the Scholarship Committee Chair, the Wray School District Education Foundation will issue a check in the name of the recipient for the designated dollar amount to the recipient's college or university. The amount of the annual award for the recipient will be determined by a three year average of the amount of money generated from the investment of the scholarship fund. The amount of the annual award until 2021 will be \$1000.00.

Funds:

A fund raising campaign will continue to generate money from contributors to be used to award scholarships to young wrestlers or individuals who have been exceptionally supportive of the sport of wrestling who through the specified application process are chosen to receive an award. The objective will be to award scholarships but to also increase the overall base in order to give more flexibility and increased scholarship amounts. Direct costs accrued in generating funds (such as in mailings) or paying for tax preparations or similar expenses will be reimbursed, but only with approval as determined by a majority vote of committee members. The Wray School District Education Foundation will issue checks to the Scholarship Committee Chair who will disperse it to the appropriate person for approved expenses.

Applicant eligibility and criteria:

Applications will be accepted from any individual who has graduated from one of the participating school districts as listed above. Applicants must be either a college or university student who is enrolled full time, is in good standing academically and has fully participated in collegiate wrestling for the entire season, as general health permits, or a college or university student who is enrolled full time, is in good standing academically and continues to give a high level of support for the sport of wrestling. In addition, each applicant will be judged on wrestling skill and/or for dedication to the sport of wrestling, leadership, citizenship skills and monetary need.

Application Process:

Upon request to the Scholarship Committee Chair, a formal application blank will be made available to all eligible individuals for them to complete and return to the Scholarship Committee Chair by June 1 of each year. The Scholarship Committee Chair will distribute a copy of all completed applications to each committee member by June 15 of that year. The Scholarship Committee Chair will then tally the votes from all committees members and determine the recipient. The Scholarship Committee Chair will then notify the recipient, as well as the committee members.

Scholarship Changes in the Future:

It is recognized it may be necessary over time to make changes in the basic Structure and Guidelines of this scholarship program. A two-thirds vote of the committee members is necessary to make any changes deemed necessary.

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