

# BYBI Nicholas Penza Memorial Baseball Scholarship

## Description

Nicholas Penza (BHS '15) participated in the Bellingham Youth Baseball Inc. program until his untimely death in February 2016. Nick was not only passionate about baseball, he was also passionate about being a supportive teammate. Fans could hear his loud encouragement for his teammates as they went up to bat or on the field. No matter which way the game went, he was a bright light and made the game fun.

Nick was also a member of the Bellingham High School baseball team, notably the 2014 State Championship team. He is remembered for being a good baseball player; but, even more so, being a good teammate.

From Danielle Penza, Nick's mom: "Nick started with the BYBI at the young age of 5 and by 9 years old he knew baseball was his soul. For Nick, it wasn't all about playing the game, but about the camaraderie and his love for team spirit. He gave his heart and soul into everything he did. Being in the BYBI wasn't just about baseball, it was his home away from home. It was about being at the baseball fields, feeling the love and support from his coaches, teammates and everyone on the board at BYBI who helped shape Nick in to the outstanding player, loyal and devoted teammate and friend everyone knew, loved and respected."

## Qualifications

Those applying for the BYBI Nicholas Penza Memorial Baseball Scholarship have participated in the BYBI program for at least four seasons at any level of play, are graduating from Bellingham High School, accepted at a school of continuing education (for degree or non-degree) with a curriculum lasting a minimum of one year, and demonstrates the camaraderie and support of a good teammate.

Please **fill out the application below** and include your **transcript**, a minimum of **two recommendations**: at least one from a teacher and one from a non-relative community member and **essay**.

Please write a 500-word essay on what steps you plan to take in the next year to start a path towards a career you have a passion for. Topics may include:

- what you have learned by playing baseball and how you can incorporate it in your upcoming career
- what it means to be a good team player / examples of how to be a good team player
- what leadership qualities do you have now and how can you build on them to become successful in your career

## Scholarship Amount

Two scholarships will be awarded, a minimum of \$1,000 each. Fundraising may increase this amount.

Check will be awarded after proof of acceptance and registration is provided.

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Planned major area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your involvement in all levels of BYBI: include umpiring, volunteering, and indicate years of participation in BYBI sponsored programs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Return this and other items to the Bellingham High School Guidance Office or to Kerry Farrell, 450 Wrentham Road, Bellingham, MA 02019

**DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2020**