

**St. Dominic Athletic Association  
Michael J. Pohlkamp Memorial Scholarship Application**

**Application Deadline:** Completed application packet must be delivered to the St. Dominic School Office no later than **12:00 P.M.** on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**NOTE:** In the event April 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, the deadline for submission is 12:00 P.M. on the Friday prior.

Student is responsible for delivering the complete Scholarship Application Packet to the School Office prior to the Application Deadline

- Scholarship Application Packet: Application Form, Student Essay, Coach Recommendation, Teacher Recommendation

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this application, I am authorizing that, if deemed appropriate, my son or daughter's grade school records be viewed by the scholarship committee or coaches contacted for additional information.*

The Michael J. Pohlkamp Scholarship is awarded to TWO (2) graduating girls and TWO (2) graduating boys from St. Dominic School, who will be attending a local parochial high school. Applicants must be paid members of the St. Dominic Athletic Association, and active in athletics. In the memory of Michael J. Pohlkamp, this scholarship will be awarded to the students that have demonstrated exceptional effort in both athletics and academics.

**All application requirements (student and parent) MUST be met to be eligible for scholarship.**

Although academic grades may be taken into consideration, in the case of two students that are equally rated, the Athletic Association emphasizes that **this scholarship is intended to award excellence in effort – regardless of academic success or athletic ability.** In order to have an objective selection process, all applications will be read anonymously. This means all parts of the applications will have student identities redacted. Additionally, no one on the judging committee will have an eligible student in the application pool.

## **The Michael J. Pohlkamp Scholarship**

Michael Pohlkamp was a member of the St. Dominic class of 1977. During his time as a Blackhawk, he played football and basketball. Michael went on to Elder High School ('81), where he was District Champion in the 100 freestyle in swimming and led Elder's swim team to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the state tournament.

He received All-American honors and accepted a swimming scholarship to the University of Missouri, where he was voted team captain his senior year. He graduated as an All-Conference swimmer with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Upon graduation, he was accepted to the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School, where he graduated at the top of his class. He was designated a Naval Aviator in June of 1987. As a Lieutenant, Michael flew over 230 combat hours in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and was awarded the Air Medal (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Strike Flight Awards).

After the Gulf War, Michael became a Naval Flight Instructor. He went on to earn Distinguished Flight Instructor Honors six times. Unfortunately, on May 13, 1992, Michael was involved in a fatal mid-air collision over Pensacola, Florida while performing a training mission.

To remember and honor Michael, the St. Dominic Athletic Association established a scholarship fund in 1993. The Michael J. Pohlkamp Scholarship is awarded to two (2) graduating girls and two (2) graduating boys from St. Dominic School, who will be attending a local parochial high school. Recipients are selected based on exceptional effort in both athletics and academics.

## **Student and Parent Application Requirements / Instructions**

### **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:**

The Student Athlete MUST complete the following tasks, each on separate piece(s) of paper. Application should be organized, neat and the student portion especially, written with thought and care.

- 1) Write a short essay about the sports you played for at St. Dominic from 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades and the name of your head coaches. Discuss how playing these sports made you grow as a young person. Describe how these sports affected you experience at St. Dominic, and/or how a coach affected you and prepared you for your upcoming High School career.
  - a) Only sports played for St. Dominic will be taken into consideration
    - Note: Essay must be written by the student, without outside assistance
  - b) Student is to answer the following questions in the essay.
    - *Why do you feel that you deserve this scholarship?*
    - *What are your strengths as a student and as an athlete?*
    - *How do you plan to use these strengths in high school?*

**NOTE: Student Essay must be typed, single spaced, and use Arial 12 point font – handwritten essays not accepted**

- 2) Coach's Recommendation – please have one St Dominic coach that you have played for in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade write a recommendation for you, speaking directly to Effort and Team Spirit.
  - **NOTE: Provide the Coach page 5 of this document with guidelines on how to structure the recommendation letter.**
- 3) Teacher's Recommendation – please have one teacher from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade write a recommendation for you. Please have them address your level of *Effort in school and how it was demonstrated in your work*.
  - **NOTE: Provide the Teacher page 6 of this document with guidelines on how to structure the recommendation letter.**

## PARENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Parent or Guardian of scholarship applicant MUST assist with Pohlkamp Scholarship fundraising activities for the student to qualify for scholarship eligibility.
  - a) The St. Dominic Athletic Association Vice President will coordinate all fundraising efforts related to the scholarship.
    - Emails will be sent out to all registered members of the Athletic Association requesting volunteer assistance for Pohlkamp Scholarship fundraising activities.
      - 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive advanced notice for all Pohlkamp fundraising activities to help fulfill the scholarship eligibility parent requirement.
      - A designated “8<sup>th</sup> Grade Signup Period” will be established, prior to release to the Athletic Association general membership, where the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive the first opportunity to volunteer.
    - A minimum of one (1) parent volunteer shift is required (per applicant) to meet eligibility requirements
    - Questions regarding alternate Pohlkamp Scholarship fundraising efforts may be directed toward the Athletic Association Vice President
      - [www.tinyurl.com/stdaa](http://www.tinyurl.com/stdaa) → About Us → Board Contact Info

## **Coach Recommendation Instructions for Michael J. Pohlkamp Scholarship**

Please type a letter and state why you feel this Student Athlete deserves the Pohlkamp scholarship. Specific consideration is given to ***Effort and Team Spirit***. A sample recommendation would resemble this format:

- An opening statement/paragraph on how long you have known this student athlete, what sports you have coached them in, and your first impressions of the student athlete.
- A paragraph describing and listing specific examples of ***Exceptional Effort*** demonstrated by the student athlete.
- A paragraph describing and listing specific examples of ***Team Spirit*** demonstrated by the student athlete.
- A paragraph listing other attributes and traits that this person possesses that make them a standout student athlete.
- A closing statement/paragraph that states why you feel that this student athlete deserves this scholarship.

**NOTE: Please DO NOT USE STUDENTS NAME IN THE LETTER. Place letter in a sealed envelope, with the STUDENTS NAME ON THE OUTSIDE – and ***return to Student***.**

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## **Teacher Recommendation Instructions for Michael J. Pohlkamp Scholarship**

Please type a letter and state why you feel this Student deserves the Pohlkamp scholarship. Specific consideration is given to **Effort, Attendance, and Enthusiasm**. A sample recommendation would resemble this format:

An opening statement/paragraph on how long you have known this student, what subjects you have taught them in, and your first impressions of the student.

- A paragraph describing and listing specific examples of **Exceptional Effort** demonstrated by the student.
- A paragraph describing and listing specific examples of **Enthusiasm** demonstrated by the student.
- A paragraph listing other attributes and traits this student possesses that helps separate them from others in their grade.
- A closing statement/paragraph that states why you feel that this student athlete deserves this scholarship.

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