



**Mike Watson Scholarship**  
**“For The Love of the Game”**  
*Sponsored by the MTHS Boosters*

## **PURPOSE**

This scholarship program is funded as a memorial to Mike Watson, who was deeply committed to the well-being of student athletes. Mike graduated from Mountlake Terrace High School in 1982 and left us too soon in 2012. To honor Mike’s vast contributions to the athletic programs in the greater Washington Northwest territory, and more specifically to his alma mater – MTHS, the Mountlake Terrace High School Boosters has endowed a \$500 scholarship in his name.

Mike loved sports. More importantly he loved and supported the students who participated in the myriad of sports programs in our region and understood the need for these programs in the development and growth of our students. He played, he coached for over fifteen years, he watched. He was a fan of the game. Of Mike’s many coaching achievements, he coached girls’ softball and basketball in the school system and the Alderwood Boys and Girls Club, Sno-King Youth Club recreational teams, as well as several select clubs and Lake Washington High School.

Mike believed in the magic of sports. He believed participation not only was a necessary physical release for the student, but that it also developed skills to be applied in life. He believed it developed self-discipline in the individual. He believed it provided a sense of belonging and family. Mike loved to work with athletes to build all these skills, not just the ones related to the physical game. He enjoyed supporting and participating in these activities and translated that enthusiasm and fun to all he touched.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

One annual scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500 and payable to the awarded recipient at the Senior Awards Night. The MTHS Boosters will only issue payment in the name of the awarded recipient.

The scholarship policies and procedures set forth below have been prepared to ensure that the educational scholarships meet the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of section 4945(g) of the Internal Revenue Code and are awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered for this scholarship award, students must meet the following criteria:

- MTHS Senior
- MTHS Athlete (participated in at least one season on a recognized<sup>1</sup> team sport)
- Minimum guidelines for athletic eligibility for participation in the ESD 15

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applicants must submit the following items by 3/23/2021 in order to be considered. Any item(s) enclosed in addition to the requested items will not be considered.

<sup>1</sup> Baseball, Basketball (Boys/Girls), Cheer, Cross Country, Football, Golf (Boys/Girls), Hip Hop, Soccer (Boys/Girls), Softball, Swim (Boys/Girls), Tennis (Boys/Girls) Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling.

- A typed essay (900 word maximum) on one of these topics (*include your name at the top of your Essay*):
  - How has playing sports helped you in your life?
  - What encouraged you to keep playing?
- Application form

Packet should be emailed to sandymerten@gmail.com.

## **REVIEW**

The essays will be assigned a number, in order to avoid bias and keep anonymity, and then forwarded to the scholarship review committee. This committee will select the top six candidates as their recommendation for member vote.

The vote for all members will be done by electronic ballot. In the event of a tie, we will hold a re-vote. At this time, members will only be able to cast a vote for one of the tied candidates.

## **NOTIFICATION**

The MTHS Boosters will notify the winning recipient at the Senior Awards Night. By signing the application form, recipient gives permission for use of their name, picture and school details in publications not limited to; news publications, school publications, and SBC publications. You must be willing to accept in a presentation made publicly.

## **CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The SBC on behalf of the Watson Scholarship may find that future circumstances may require changes or revisions to the policies and procedures. Any change or revision to the policies or procedures must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Booster Club for Mountlake Terrace High School.

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