



DENNIS J. SMITH
LEGACY FOUNDATION

BISHOP McNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION

ABOUT DENNY AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Denny Smith loved Bishop McNamara High School. To Denny, Bishop McNamara was more than a school. Bishop McNamara was a special place where students receive personal attention and flourish because of it. Denny valued how students at Bishop McNamara are challenged academically, nurtured spiritually and allowed to grow socially. Denny also appreciated the opportunities presented to students and graduates because of Bishop McNamara's loyal network of alumni, friends and supporters.

Denny graduated from Bishop McNamara and the University of Notre Dame. After college, Denny worked in Manteno as a banker, helping local families and businesses. He was also very involved in local civic and charitable causes and organizations, especially Bishop McNamara High School. Denny died at age 56 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Denny's family established the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation to honor and continue Denny's leadership and commitment to our community. The Legacy Foundation has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships to Bishop McNamara students since it began its work in 2007. Denny was posthumously inducted in the Bishop McNamara High School Hall of Honor in 2009.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The number of new scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen each year varies. We plan to award approximately 7 scholarships to students who start at Bishop McNamara next fall. The dollar amount of each recipient's scholarship varies based on demand and family need. Once awarded, the scholarship amount is set for the student's remaining years at Bishop McNamara, provided student qualifies for renewal.

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SELECTION AND RENEWAL CRITERIA

Positive leadership and character exhibited in school, community and church activities; willingness to be an active member of the Bishop McNamara High School community; commitment to do one's best in the classroom; financial need; and a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Mother's name: _____

Father's name: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Parent e-mail address: _____



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4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Please include two letters of recommendation. One from a school reference and one from a community/church reference.

Both of these letters of recommendation should address your leadership and character traits and why you are qualified to receive this scholarship.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing and submitting this application, I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true and correct and that my responses are my own.

Agreed to and accepted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature:

Printed name:

Address:

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Michael O'Brien
Midland States Bank
255 E. Station Street
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

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