

The Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund
and
The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
are pleased to announce
The Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship- 2010

Coach Ken Baker:

As a teacher and coach in the East Greenbush, Hoosick Falls, and Cambridge School Districts, Ken Baker touched the lives of thousands, extending to each the same degree of regard and respect. Over the span of nearly four decades, Coach Baker demonstrated character and leadership qualities that inspired virtually everyone whom he encountered. His personal honor, integrity, and perseverance served as the examples by which he encouraged others to overcome the challenges that lay before them and to "never give up" in their pursuit of excellence. His competitive spirit and athletic accomplishments became legendary. With an exemplary football and wrestling coaching career, he rightfully earned a place in the Section II and the New York State High School Hall of Fame. For those who knew the remarkable man Ken Baker was, and for those who will know him only through the words of others, we proudly offer this scholarship in his name.

The Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund:

The purpose of this Scholarship Fund is to ensure that the legacy of Coach Baker and the values for which he stood, live on through the annual awarding of a scholarship to a deserving high school senior. With the blessing of the Baker family and in cooperation with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region (CFGCR), a not-for-profit agency created to support scholarships and other charities in the Capital Region, we have established the *Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund*. Annually, this Fund will award a **\$1,000 scholarship** to a senior who will be going on to accredited higher education whether that is a trade school, a two year or four year academic institution. A Scholarship Committee, in concert with the CFGCR, has been established to raise funds, develop the scholarship criteria and make the award. A Selection Committee made up of representatives from the school, the Scholarship Committee and the CFGCR will review all applications and select a recipient for the award.



The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region:

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region (CFGCR) is an independent, non-profit, publicly-supported, tax-exempt organization founded in 1968 to meet the existing and future needs of the Capital Area's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The CFGCR's scope goes beyond social service and welfare; its purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer *The Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

The Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship:

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- 1 The student must attend Cambridge High School (NY).
- 2 The student must be a graduating senior and plans to attend an accredited four-year college or university, an accredited two-year college or an accredited certificate program.
- 3 The student must have demonstrated scholastic ability and achievement and must be in good academic standing.
- 4 The student must complete all application questions.
- 5 Scholarship finalists will be asked to attend a personal interview. The location of that interview will be announced at a later date.
- 6 Children of Selection Committee members are **ineligible**.

Selection Process:

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to the Guidance Office by **April 16, 2010**.
2. The Selection Committee will make a final selection by **May 28, 2010**.
3. The scholarship recipient will be announced during the school's Annual Awards Ceremony.
4. The Selection Committee reserves the right to not make an award if no applicant qualifies.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

1. A total scholarship of **\$1,000** will be paid directly to the institution in which the student is enrolled. The scholarship may be used to cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.

Application Procedures:

1. In addition to the application, the following information is required:
 - a. The applicant's educational history from the first year of high school to the date of application. This should be evidenced by school certificates signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken and the grades received. New York State Regents marks should be provided.
 - b. Three letters of endorsement from teachers, coaches, mentors and/or employers (but not family), who have had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can comment on the character and qualities of the applicant. These letters must be submitted directly to the Guidance Office by the person writing the letter before the application deadline date.
 - c. You may also attach a resume as additional information.
2. The applicant should complete the application by typing or printing all answers.
3. The application and essays (see Parts III, IV) must be completed in full and submitted by **April 16, 2010**. Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
4. **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.**
5. Completed applications should be submitted to the Guidance Office address as follows;

**Guidance Office
Attn: Jessica Krupsky
Cambridge High School**

**Coach Ken Baker Memorial Scholarship
Application- 2010**

PART I: PERSONAL/EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name:

Last First M.I.

Home Address:

Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Names, ages of children in family and academic institutions currently attending:

Name Age Institution Attending

Family Income: (check one)

- \$0- \$25,000
- \$26- \$50,000
- \$51- \$75,000
- \$76- \$100,000
- Above \$100,000

High School(s) attended (9th through 12th grades):

School

Date of Entrance

Grades Attended

PART II: ACTIVITY PROFILE

Participation in extracurricular or school activities indicating year(s) involved and leadership positions held;

School and Civic Activities:

Leadership Positions Held:

Honors and Awards Received:

Employment activities:

1. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Duties: _____

2. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Duties: _____

3. Employer _____ Dates Employed _____

Duties: _____

PART III: CHARACTER TRAITS

Coach Baker was a man of strong character and virtue. Please describe one or more examples where you have witnessed and/or believe you have displayed the type of virtue or virtues that Coach Baker stood for. Please submit the essay typed, double spaced and with your name on each page and attach to this application. Please limit your essay to a maximum of two type-written pages.

PART IV: ESSAY

Coach Ken Baker's life has been described as "a life well lived....a life that mattered". Please write an essay of any length on what that means to you and how you hope to live "a life that matters". Please submit the essay typed, double spaced and with your name on each page and attach to this application. Please limit your essay to a maximum of two type-written pages.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____