



William F. Oliva
1966 – 2004

**“LET IT
BEGIN
WITH ME...”
William F.
Oliva
Memorial
Scholarship**

“In whatever arena of life one may meet the challenge of courage, whatever may be the sacrifices he faces if he follows his conscience – the loss of his friends, his fortune, his contentment, even the esteem of his fellow men – each man must decide for himself the course he will follow. The stories of past courage can define that ingredient – they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul.”
~ John F. Kennedy

The **LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Memorial Scholarship Fund** has been established in memory of William F. Oliva, an alumnus of Huntington High School Class of 1984, who died in a work-related accident on October 14, 2004. This scholarship has been coordinated by Class of 1984 Alumni in efforts to assist in the educational advancement of young men and women, and in remembrance of our friend Billy Oliva.

Huntington High School encompasses one of the best educational reputations, and its alumni are a close group who honor their own. Towards that, the Class of 1984 Alumni has established a scholarship tribute in memory of their classmate, Billy Oliva, someone who quickly established himself as a role model among his classmates, teammates and within our community. Billy was the natural athlete who everyone wanted on their team – for his determined competitiveness, natural leadership and positive attitude without any need for self-promotion. He also could recite any rules and historic stats, while debating sports with the best of them!

Billy's athletic skills and sportsmanship on the field extended beyond physical achievements and transcended into his personal life. Billy was so generous and always willing to sacrifice his own personal needs for the greater good of his community - or for anyone Billy felt less fortunate. Total strangers were recipients of Billy's kind deeds, and quite often prompted new friendships because he was so easy to like and he just loved people. Through his charitable acts of kindness, offering his creative skills, helping people who didn't have loved ones to support them and daily efforts to volunteer his time to give back to his community, Billy always put others before himself. He has been characterized as “The Father-like Fixer” because he was the first to be by one's side to offer his hand and heart in support. Billy also possessed great humor and a wonderful smile that could light up a room! Whether in school, sports, his devotion to his family, friends or life in general, it was never about keeping score for Billy. He didn't help others for special recognition or merits; Billy did it out of the kindness of his soul, he cared about everyone and he truly made a positive difference in our society.

This scholarship should be awarded to a worthy college-bound Senior of Huntington High School who embodies a dedication to overall academics, athletic skills and sportsmanship, serves as a source of encouragement to classmates, exhibits strong character and demonstrates a commitment to the overall good of his/her community. Billy Oliva believed positive deeds began with him so it is with hopes that the recipient of this scholarship also possesses this belief and understands the value of daily acts of kindness in the spirit and memory of Billy Oliva...our former classmate and friend, to one and all.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The **LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Memorial Scholarship Fund** amount awarded each year will vary depending on donations received during the year and/or any proceeds from benefit events hosted in memory of Billy Oliva, with a minimum of \$500 awarded to the scholarship recipient selected each year. This scholarship is not renewable for a recipient in future years. It is with hopes it can be awarded to a current Senior of HHS each year.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

A. EDUCATION

1. Applicant must be a current senior graduating with his/her class
2. Student must have attended Huntington High School for at least two (2) years
3. The scholarship recipient must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
4. A realistic future plan for their education must be described in the application
5. Must have a good attendance record

B. ATHLETIC SKILLS & SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Must have participated in a varsity athletic program while attending Huntington High School
2. Priority will be given to top performer and/or towards the all-around athlete
3. Applicant must have a good personal attitude, be enthusiastic, and a leader among their teammates, showing true sportsmanship

C. CITIZENSHIP

1. Cooperative attitude
2. Positive (& Hopefully Humorous) Personality
3. Strong Leadership Qualities
4. High Sense of Duty and Morality
5. Enthusiasm to Help Anyone

D. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Additional extracurricular activities, clubs and groups involvement will also be considered
2. Financial need should and will also be a consideration
3. Scholarship money may be used for attendance at any 2- or 4-year college
4. Money will be awarded upon receipt of proof of enrollment in college

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. Current Principal of Huntington High School (HHS)
2. At least one (1) Administrator of HHS
3. At least one (1) Athletic Dept. Representative of HHS
4. Current Guidance Counselor of HHS
5. At least one (1) Clubs/Activities Representative of HHS

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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

The Applicant's Statement should include the reasons you feel you should be considered for this scholarship, a description of your achievements academically, athletically and within your community. Your statement need not be more than one full page typed in length. Be sure to include your name and homeroom teacher at the top of your statement.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your character, abilities and/or achievements should be included with the application.

TRANSCRIPT(S)

Copies of your official high school transcripts to-date should be submitted with the application.

DEADLINE

Return this completed form along with your scholarship request for consideration statement, copies of high school transcripts to-date and letter of recommendation by [deadline date] to [school contact], to be considered for the upcoming scholarship grant.

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Please type or print:

Personal Information

Today's Date _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Educational Information

High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Year Graduating: _____ GPA: _____

College: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Intended Major: _____ Full-Time or Part-Time (circle one)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS AND RECOGNITION

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/EMPLOYMENT

CHECKLIST for LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Scholarship:

- _____ 1) This completed application form
- _____ 2) One-page applicant's statement
- _____ 3) Letter of Recommendation
- _____ 4) School Transcript(s)