

THE BERNIE MATTHEWS OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION

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2020 APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR \$4,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020-21 academic year. This award of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per academic year for four years) will be made to a local high school senior who will be an incoming freshman for the 2020-21 academic year. The annual \$1,000 scholarship is renewable for four years (total value \$4,000).

Bernie Matthews was a beloved coach and mentor to hundreds of young student-athletes. The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was created by Coach Matthews' family to honor his memory.

As a partner in education, we need your help identifying students who meet the award criteria and would benefit from receiving an outside scholarship to help defray college costs. ***Will you please share the enclosed application with current high school seniors at your high school who meet the scholarship criteria or direct them to the foundation website at www.berniematthewsopportunityfoundation.org?***

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation Scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity or other difficult life circumstances, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Additional details on scholarship requirements can be found on the attached application.

To qualify for the Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation Scholarship, incoming students must complete the attached application and submit it no later than **APRIL 15, 2020**.

If you have any additional questions about the foundation or scholarship, please contact Bernie Matthews Jr. at 724-853-2298 or coachmatthewsfamily@gmail.com.

THE BERNIE MATTHEWS OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation Scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity or other difficult life circumstances, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. To be eligible to apply for the Bernie Matthews Opportunity Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled full-time as a high school senior in the United States, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer semester with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
2. Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
3. Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
4. Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
5. Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity or other difficult life circumstances
6. Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
7. Be a United States citizen

To apply for the scholarship, the applicant shall complete the application found at berniematthewsoportunityfoundation.org and mail no later than **April 15, 2020** to:

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 410, Greensburg, PA 15601.

A copy of the first page of the applicant's parents' federal income tax return (or 1099 SSA – Social Security Form) with social security numbers blacked out must be attached to the application. If an applicant's parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as Public Assistance or Disability payment documents. Income verifications may be uploaded online or sent by mail. Applicants of divorced or legally separated parents need to submit tax forms from both parents.

2020 APPLICATION FOR BERNIE MATTHEWS OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due by April 15, 2020

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Residence Address: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School GPA: _____

Co-curricular and Community Service Activities: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Please attach a copy of the first page of your parents' federal income tax return (or 1099 SSA – Social Security Form) with social security numbers blacked out. If an applicant's parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as Public Assistance or Disability payment documents. Income verifications may be uploaded online or sent by mail. Applicants of divorced or legally separated parents need to submit tax forms from both parents.

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Accordingly, please attach a typed, written essay, not to exceed three (3) 8' X 11' pages in length, describing how you meet the criteria for the scholarship award. In addition, please attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, family friend, priest, pastor, etc.