

RICKY GILMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

History – James Richard Gilmer was a 1975 graduate of Swainsboro High School. After graduating from the University of Georgia and beginning his career in insurance, he returned to Swainsboro with his family in 1991. Ricky was very involved in sports beginning with his early childhood years with the Swainsboro Recreation Department. After returning home, he was a regular volunteer coach for teams with the Recreation Department and the Dixie Youth League. Both of his sons participated in many activities and he was always willing to be a coach. He had a love for sports and for children and what they gained through participation in the game. He felt sportsmanship and teamwork were the important lessons learned. He was always a favorite coach!!

The Scholarship – After Ricky’s untimely passing in 2006, his family established this scholarship as an honor to his memory. Although the amount is small, \$250, it is an opportunity to give back in a small way to SHS through the Recreation Department – both very important in his life.

Requirements

- Senior at Swainsboro High School
- Plans to attend an accredited college or technical college
- Must have participated in activities at the Swainsboro Emanuel County Recreation Department- any activity from playing on a team to working in the concession stand.
- Completion of Attached Application
- Once reference letter with detail on why this applicant should receive the scholarship
- Must have the qualities exhibited by Ricky – compassion, kindness, love for sports and children, desire to make life better for others.
- No stringent GPA requirements other than a minimum of 2.0.

Selection process

Applications and reference letter to be submitted to the SHS guidance office by April 1, 2024. They will be sent to the team at the Recreation

department for review and selection. The winner will be announced at SHS Honors night.

Any missing information will disqualify the applicant.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

What are your plans following graduation?

What activities have you participated in at the Recreation Department?

Are you employed _____ where? _____

What activities are you involved in either in school, community or church?

Describe yourself in 5 sentences or less- use extra sheets if needed.
