

Rich Vellucci Outstanding Wrestler Scholarship

Mission Statement:

Established in 2024, the Rich Vellucci Outstanding Wrestler Scholarship's goal is to deliver an annual scholarship to a student wrestler that embodies the character and integrity that Rich exemplified daily to help them succeed in their postsecondary education.

Our mission is to create a living memorial to honor the impact that Rich Vellucci had not only on the Lake Orion Wrestling program but the community by providing a scholarship to a Lake Orion wrestler that shares his leadership qualities both on and off the mat.

Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines

One scholarship will be awarded each year in the amount of \$2,500. These funds can be used towards college, university or trade school tuition, tools needed for trade or school materials such as books.

Note: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration or enrollment in college, university or trade.

Criteria and eligibility requirements for applicants

- Applicant must attend Lake Orion High School
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award
- Applicant must be a member of the Lake Orion Wrestling Team
- Applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (or a "C" average)
- Applicant must have a desired college, university or trade school (educational institution)
- Applicant must demonstrate hard work, dedication, willing to help others, be active in the community and be an all-in wrestler.

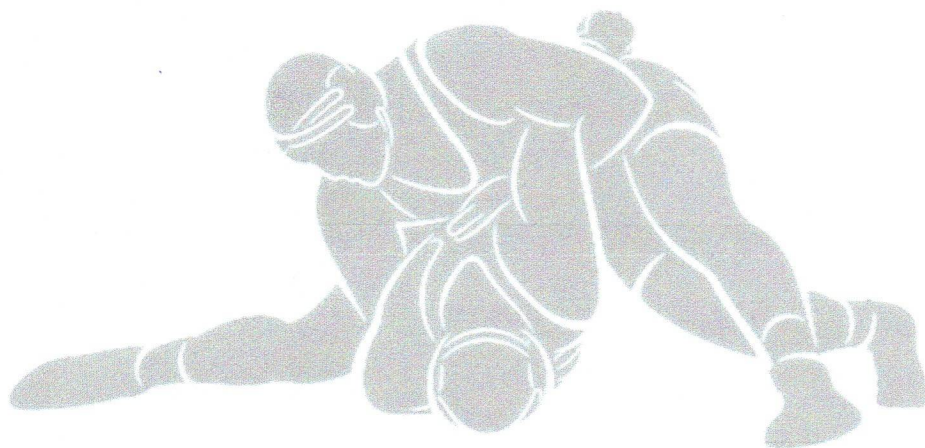
Statement of purpose for scholarship

Rich Vellucci was a key member of the 1990 State Championship wrestling team, a group of athletes who were not just teammates, but family. Their bond, built on camaraderie, respect, and mutual support, has remained strong to this day. Rich's impact on the sport of wrestling, and on his community, has been immeasurable.

His love for wrestling extended far beyond his high school years. Rich dedicated countless hours to coaching the youth wrestling program, where his passion for the sport continued to inspire the next generation. With two sons who also shared his love of wrestling (a passion truly in their blood), Rich's commitment to the sport was unwavering. Whether it was assisting with practices, supporting coaches at meets and tournaments, or lending a hand with fundraising events, Rich was always there. He could often be found pacing the floor during every meet, offering guidance to wrestlers on what they could improve and what they were doing well. His

generosity and dedication extended to the entire community, as he always made time to help those in need and support his fellow wrestlers.

Rich worked tirelessly to build a successful life for his family, and now, in honor of his enduring legacy, we have created this scholarship to continue his spirit. This scholarship will recognize an outstanding wrestler at Lake Orion High School. Through this scholarship, we aim to keep his legacy alive, ensuring that Rich Vellucci's influence continues to inspire future generations at Lake Orion.



Rich Vellucci Outstanding Wrestler Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

- List any academic honors, awards and membership activities (use separate paper if needed):

- List your hobbies, outside interests, extra-curricular activities and school related volunteer activities (use a separate paper if needed): _____

- List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community (use a separate paper if needed): _____

- College, University or Trade School you have been accepted to:

- Field of Study:

Please attach the following documents to the application:

1. Letter of recommendation from a member of Lake Orion School district teacher, coach or community leader.
2. Minimum 250-word essay detailing how you embody the qualities of Rich Vellucci; by answering one of the following questions:
 - a. What impact has wrestling had on your life?
 - b. Tell us about a challenge in your life you have had to overcome.
 - c. How have you contributed to your community?
3. Official high school transcripts.
4. Proof of acceptance to a postsecondary institution.

Return by March 29th to:

RVOW Scholarship Fund
418 Haliburton Street
Lake Orion, MI 48362