Thomas O. Tighe Memorial Tennis Scholarship

A Mater Dei Community Scholarship

Applicant Name: _____

Tom Tighe, Mater Dei Class of 1962, was the Mater Dei Boys' Tennis coach during the 2003-2004 season. Of all the things Tom was involved in, tennis was his passion. While a student at Mater Dei, Tom played tennis all four years and was a city champ. He had coached other teams, but he was most proud of coaching at his alma mater.

Tom died July 13, 2005, just six weeks after doctors told him he had an inoperable brain tumor. As he considered his final wishes, establishing a scholarship for tennis students at Mater Dei was one of his primary goals. The Thomas O. Tighe Memorial Scholarship was established through an endowment Tom directed in his will and through memorial contributions from friends and family.

We are thankful to the Thomas Tighe family for the assistance in creating this special scholarship and furthering the tennis students of Mater Dei High School.

The following criteria must be met for applicants:

- MD Seniors who have played varsity tennis in one or more of their years at Mater Dei
- The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or better as indicated on official school transcript
- The student must plan to attend an institute of high learning (not necessarily a four year college)
- Please submit a resume as well as the following:
- **A letter of interest should be included with the application. The letter should include a section 50-100 words which covers "What tennis has meant in your life?" This letter should be addressed to the:**

  Thomas O. Tighe Memorial Scholarship Committee
  Please submit a hardcopy to Mrs. Renner

The scholarship in the amount of $1,000 will be given out at the annual Honors Day in the spring. In the event there are no eligible seniors, the scholarship will be made available to a recent graduate of Mater Dei who meets the criteria (*all prior applicants will be kept on file*). Scholarship payments will come from the bookkeeper at Mater Dei High School in late spring/early summer.

Due April 1, 2026