



## THE *Mike Burch* MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### BACKGROUND:

The Mike Burch Memorial Scholarship Foundation was established to remember the life of Mike and to honor his memory by carrying forward his message of kindness. Mike's favorite saying, "It doesn't hurt to be nice," epitomized the way he lived his life, leaving a lasting legacy of love, kindness, and compassion for his family and friends.

Mike graduated from Rockbridge High School in 1987 where he was a three-sport athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball. His love of high school sports continued throughout his life. He graduated from James Madison University in 1997. In 1998, he began his teaching career where he touched the lives of countless children in the community by blending music, dance, and passion for sports into his P.E. classes. He coached boys' baseball, girls' basketball, and volleyball throughout the years. Mike instilled his passion for life in his students, athletes, colleagues, and virtually everyone he met.

### PURPOSE AND GENERAL CRITERIA:

The purpose of the Mike Burch Memorial Scholarship Foundation is to assist deserving college or trade school-bound high school seniors of good character at Rockbridge County High School in obtaining continuing education. To achieve this, the Foundation is establishing a scholarship program. Each year, a \$1,500 per student scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female. Awardees must have reasonable academic achievement and an intent to pursue a college or work-related education.

### CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a senior graduating from Rockbridge County High School or a surrounding area high school with strong personal character
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater and submit a transcript with application
- Applicant must have participated in a varsity high school sport.
- Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a current or previous coach with application

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Candidates must complete the attached application to the Mike Burch Memorial Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee by 4/15/24.

THE *Mike Burch* MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION  
2024 Application for Scholarship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic information:**

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

University or Trade School you will be attending: (Attach a copy of your acceptance letter if received)

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What is your career goal, and what will be your major field of study? Why did you choose this field of study? (Attach additional pages as necessary)

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What academic and athletic honors or awards have you achieved in high school?

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Please list the details of your high school sports career. Example – Sport and year(s) played.

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What did you learn from being part of a team? What impact did sports have on your life? *(attach additional pages as necessary)*

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Did you have the opportunity to be taught and/or coached by Mike Burch? If so, what impact did Mike have on your life and what lessons did you learn? *(attach additional pages as necessary)*

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If you did not know Mike, please describe a situation or time in your life when you embodied his philosophy of kindness towards others. *(attach additional pages as necessary)*

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