

PATRICK J. DIPAOLO  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

## Who was Patrick J. DiPaolo?

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Your interest in this scholarship means you have already heard the name “Patrick J. DiPaolo.” But just how much do you know about the magnificent young man for whom this scholarship is named? In a few words, we’ll tell you:

He was called by many names: Mr. DiPaolo (teacher); Coach DiPaolo; Principal DiPaolo; Dad; and simply Pat by his wife, parents, sister, teammates and innumerable friends. We’ll call him Pat, because above all he was our friend, and although he’s gone now we’re confident his legacy will become a friend to many who did know him during his short life.



Like many of you, Pat began life with hopes and dreams of personal and professional success. As husband to Beth, father to Julia and Nico, son to District Judge Dominick and Janet Colao DiPaolo, brother to Dawn, and friend to all those within his orbit and even beyond, success was his throughout his life, and especially through more than five years of never losing hope while fighting the insidious Lyme disease and its later stages that finally claimed him. Success also came through a life of hard work as a high school and college academic, artist and athlete that propelled him to a career in teaching, coaching and school administration.

Having reached these successful milestones before he was 33, Pat’s greatest legacy, however, was his lifetime mission of helping young men and women attain educational attainment, whether through academics, the arts or athletics, and no matter their station in life. He adopted the motto of the legendary football coach Vince Lombardi, “Winning Isn’t Everything, It’s The Only Thing!” Pat dedicated his entire career with the Erie School District to one cause: Helping students, who otherwise might not achieve, realize the educational attainment that would prepare them for successful, productive and happy lives. At times, he accomplished this by teaching and sharing his own lifelong learning; at times his help came at his own personal expense.

This was Pat’s lasting legacy, one we’re confident – with the help of so many others – will continue well into the future. As an applicant for Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship, we wish you well. Already, you, too, are a part of Pat’s growing legacy!

Sincerely,

Q. Gregory Orlando, Committee Chairman  
Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

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## Scholarship Application Instructions

### Scholarship Requirements:

Applicant must be a college bound senior graduating from an Erie County high school and has been accepted to a college/university. Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA and recognized as a high school athlete in one or more of the twenty-one sanctioned PIAA sports. Sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Competitive Spirit, Golf, Gymnastics, Indoor Track and Field, Lacrosse, Rifle, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling.

### Disclaimer:

By accepting the Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship, the recipient accepts all obligations and the responsibility to not place financial aid and other scholarship monies in jeopardy through full disclosure to the college/university you choose to attend. No one affiliated with the Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. can apply.

### Reminders:

Write your name at the top of all recommendation forms and check with each person to be sure they return it to you in a sealed envelope in enough time to mail your completed application to us by the deadline below

***Do not return this page with your application.*** It contains pertinent information necessary to procure the second part of your award.

**Application Postmark Deadline: February 21, 2019**

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## Student Checklist:

1. **Save this sheet for future reference.**
2. Write your name at the top of all forms before you give them out.
3. Collect recommendation forms in a sealed envelope with their signature written across the seal. Check off below as you go to be sure you collect everything.
4. Mail completed application, a copy of your acceptance letter from the college/university of your choice, essay and all required forms postmarked on or before **February 21, 2019.**
5. Forms to include with your application, a brief essay touching on each of the following:
  - Counselor Form- must include a second semester transcript
  - Coach/Mentor Recommendation Form
  - Community Member Form
  - School/Staff Recommendation Form
6. Write a Narrative-Include with your application, a brief essay touching on each of the following:
  - ❖ Who are you and how did you get to this point?
  - ❖ Plans for future including now and after college
  - ❖ Activities, clubs and organizations for which you participated
  - ❖ Community Service organizations for which you participated
  - ❖ Employment/Leadership experiences throughout high school
  - ❖ Describe what it means to be a student-athlete and how has playing a sport impacted your life.
  - ❖ Describe for us your need for financial assistance and the impact it will have as you begin your college career.
  - ❖ "Who was Patrick J. DiPaolo" - watching the video on [www.wieitot.org](http://www.wieitot.org) Explain what it meant to you
7. Mail Information- Postmark by February 21, 2018
  - Application Page
  - Counselor Form with transcript
  - Three (3) Recommendation Forms
  - Copy of your Essay
  - Copy of your acceptance letter to a college/university of your choice
8. If accepted, Congratulations! Your award will come to you in two separate shares; the first installment will occur during your first semester of your freshman year with proof of enrollment and the second installment is distributed during second semester.
  - A copy of your first semester schedule mailed to the address below.
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Mail to:

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PO Box 3073

Erie, Pennsylvania 16508



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**Student Information** (Please print or type)

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Household earned income range please check \_\_\_\_\_ \$0-\$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50,001-\$100,000

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100,001-\$150,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150,001+

Number of siblings living in household \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Minor in college \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly cost of College \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Scholarships you are/will be receiving \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities:** Please list any extracurricular activities, in or out of school. Attach additional sheet, if needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Achievements:** Summarize your academic achievements as well as accolades in your athletic career (attach another sheet, if needed)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I affirm all information is correct and obligations assumed.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Coach/Mentor Recommendation Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student by only checking one box. Fill out as best you can and add notes to explain your position to help your student. Attach additional notes or write on the back. (Student has to participate in a sport their senior year).

Descriptor	Below Average	Average	Outstanding	Comments
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b> -Attends school regularly/on time -Arrives to practice/games regularly/on time				
<b>Communication</b> -Participates in team activities -Verbalizes thoughts/ideas -Conveys written ideas in a clear manner				
<b>Dependability</b> -Demonstrates desire to get involved -Completes tasks in a timely manner -Exhibits commitment to team/school				
<b>Enthusiasm</b> -Shows initiative -Demonstrates determination -Displays interest in a better school				
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b> -Rapport with staff and teammates -Civility				
<b>Sportsmanship</b> -exemplifies behaviors of fair play, respect for opponents/teammates, and graciousness in winning and losing				
<b>Behavior</b> -Cooperates with peers/staff -Resolves differences or misunderstanding respectfully and appropriately				

**Return confidential recommendation promptly in a sealed envelope and sign your name across the seal. Deadline for submission is February 21, 2019**



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## Community Member Recommendation Form, Outside of School

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student by only checking one box. Fill out as best you can and add notes to explain your position to help your student. Attach additional notes or write on the back. Letter must accompany this form from Community Member recommendation.

Descriptor	Below Average	Average	Outstanding	Comments
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b> -Attends meetings/events regularly -Punctual -Dependable				
<b>Communication</b> -Participates in discussions -Verbalizes thoughts/ideas -Conveys written ideas in a clear manner				
<b>Dependability</b> -Demonstrates desire for helping -Completes tasks in a timely manner -Exhibits commitment goals				
<b>Enthusiasm</b> -Shows initiative -Demonstrates determination -Displays interest in doing a good job				
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b> -Rapport with peers and adults -Respects others				
<b>Quality of Work</b> -Exhibits high standards of a job well done -Demonstrates organizational skills				
<b>Behavior</b> -Cooperates with peers and adults -Resolves differences or misunderstanding respectfully and appropriately				

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## Counselor Recommendation Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student by only checking one box. Fill out as best you can and add notes to explain your position to help your student. Attach additional notes or write on the back.

Within the last 18 months...	Below Average	Average	Outstanding	Comments
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b> -Attends school regularly/on time -Change/increase in unexcused absences/ tardies				
<b>Communication</b> -Participates in school activities -Conveys ideas in a clear appropriate manner				
<b>Dependability</b> -Demonstrates desire to get involved -Exhibits commitment to school betterment				
<b>Enthusiasm</b> -Shows initiative -Demonstrates determination				
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b> -Rapport with staff and teammates -Civility				
<b>Community</b> -Involved in school based and/or community service programs -Engaged in gainful work or CoOp work experience				
<b>Behavior</b> -Cooperates with peers/staff -Resolves differences or misunderstanding respectfully and appropriately				

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## School/Staff Recommendation Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the student by only checking one box. Fill out as best you can and add notes to explain your position to help your student. Attach additional notes or write on the back.

Descriptor	Below Average	Average	Outstanding	Comments
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b> -Attends school regularly/on time -Arrives to class on time				
<b>Communication</b> -Participates in school activities -Verbalizes thoughts/ideas -Conveys written ideas in a clear appropriate manner				
<b>Dependability</b> -Demonstrates desire to get involved -Completes tasks in a timely manner -Exhibits commitment to team/school				
<b>Enthusiasm</b> -Shows initiative -Demonstrates determination -Displays interest in a better school				
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b> -Rapport with staff and teammates -Civility				
<b>Quality of Work</b> -Demonstrates organizational skills -Civility				
<b>Behavior</b> -Cooperates with peers/staff -Resolves differences or misunderstanding respectfully and appropriately				

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