

The Matthew J. Nena Memorial Scholarship

The Matthew J. Nena Memorial Scholarship has been established by his parents in loving memory of Matthew, who passed away on October 2, 2016. Matthew would have graduated with his classmates in May 2017, and this scholarship was first awarded starting with his graduating class. The scholarship is designed to honor college bound graduating seniors who have overcome a difficult situation in their life either academically, athletically, or personally.

Amount of Scholarship

For the students graduating in May 2024, there will be one \$1,000 scholarship awarded. The award shall be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending and is non-renewable. The school may be a college, university, community college, trade or vocational school, or professional school.

Qualifications

The recipient must be graduating Batavia High School senior who not only fit the criteria outlined above, but who submit a completed application by the due date.

Applications can be dropped off or mailed to the Batavia High School Counseling & Advising Department, 1201 Main Street, Batavia, or the Rosalie Jones Administration Center, 335 W. Wilson Street, Batavia. The completed scholarship application must be received by the Batavia Public School Administration Office by February 29, 2024 by 4 p.m. No late entries will be accepted.

Scholarship Requirements

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior attending Batavia High School.
2. The applicant should have experienced and overcome a difficult situation in their life either academically, athletically, or personally.
3. Applications must submit an essay that accompanies their application. Specific instructions for the essay can be found on the application sheet. Application materials will not be returned to the applicants.
4. Awards will not be based on financial need.
5. The selection committee for the scholarship shall consist of Matthew's family and the Batavia High School counseling staff.
6. The family reserves the right to amend or terminate the scholarship program at any time. The scholarships may be withheld or suspended in any one or more years at discretion. All decisions in regards to this scholarship will be final.

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Application Form

Directions to the applicant: Please type or print neatly in black or blue ink. Attach your typed or written essay to this application. Please make sure that your name appears on any materials submitted. Application materials will not be returned.

Applicant's Full Name _____

Birthdate ____/____/____

Street Address _____

City _____, Illinois Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone (____) _____

Applicant's plans for after graduation (name of school, area of concentration, etc.):

Essay Instructions:

Describe an experience in your life either academically, athletically or personally that was challenging for you, but also one that you were able to overcome. Indicate what gave you the strength and determination to have what it takes to persevere through this experience.

The information presented in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application is not valid if information is withheld or presented incorrectly. All information is confidential and will only be released in compliance with state and federal laws.

Applicant Signature

Date