



DENNIS J. SMITH
LEGACY FOUNDATION

BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION

ABOUT DENNY AND THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Denny Smith loved Bishop McNamara High School. To Denny, Bishop McNamara was more than a school. Bishop McNamara was a special place where students receive personal attention and flourish because of it. Denny valued how students at Bishop McNamara are challenged academically, nurtured spiritually and allowed to grow socially. Denny also appreciated the opportunities presented to students and graduates because of Bishop McNamara's loyal network of alumni, friends and supporters.

Denny graduated from Bishop McNamara and the University of Notre Dame. After college, Denny worked in Manteno as a banker, helping local families and businesses. He was also very involved in local civic and charitable causes and organizations, especially Bishop McNamara High School. Denny died at age 56 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Denny's family established the Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation to honor and continue Denny's leadership and commitment to our community. The Legacy Foundation has awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships to Bishop McNamara students since it began its work in 2007. Denny was posthumously inducted in the Bishop McNamara High School Hall of Honor in 2009.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The number of new scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen each year varies. We plan to award approximately 20 scholarships to students who start at Bishop McNamara in the fall of 2017. The dollar amount of each recipient's scholarship varies based on demand and family need. Once awarded, the scholarship amount is set for the student's remaining years at Bishop McNamara.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Positive leadership and character exhibited in school, community and church activities; willingness to be an active member of the Bishop McNamara High School community; commitment to do one's best in the classroom; financial need.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Mother's name: _____

Father's name: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Parent e-mail Address: _____



2. Please list any school, community or church activities you have participated in and indicate the year in school in which you took part in the activity. Include any sports, groups, clubs, etc. You may photocopy this page if additional room is necessary.

ACTIVITY	5	6	7	8	ACCOMPLISHMENTS





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4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Please include one letter of recommendation from **BOTH** a school reference **AND** a community/church reference.

Both of these letters of recommendation should address your leadership and character traits and why you are qualified to receive this scholarship.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

By signing and submitting this application, I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true and correct and that my responses are my own.

Agreed to and accepted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Address: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Michael O'Brien
HomeStar Bank & Financial Services
255 E. Station Street
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

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