

2009-2010

McNeil High School Track/Cross Country Booster Club

Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. All Track and/or Cross Country Team Members who are Seniors, have served or are currently serving on the McNeil High School Track and/or Cross Country team during the 2009 – 2010 school year and have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5 are eligible to apply for the Booster Club scholarships.
2. For the 2009-2010 school year, the Booster Club will award four (4) scholarships in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) each. There will be two (2) awarded to female applicants and two (2) awarded to male applicants. In the event that there are less than two (2) qualified applicants of a particular gender, the scholarship may be awarded to a qualified applicant of the other gender.
3. The Application process must be clearly communicated, and the application forms readily available to all potential applicants and their parent or guardian.
4. The Scholarship Review Committee must consider all qualifying applicants, but applicants identifying information will be redacted on all information shared with the voting members of the committee to ensure confidentiality and impartiality throughout the review process.
5. The Scholarship Review Committee will be appointed by the Booster Club President.
6. The Scholarship Review Committee will be made up of five (5) voting members. Parents of students eligible for consideration for the scholarship shall not be permitted to serve on the committee. To preserve the integrity of the selection process, the sponsor(s) shall not be involved in the work of the Scholarship Review Committee.
7. The qualification criteria for selection of the scholarship winners must be communicated in writing to all potential applicants before the evaluation of applications commences and may not be changed during the scholarship award period. Any changes to the scholarship qualification criteria must be recommended by the sponsor and voted on by the booster club membership no later than the May booster club meeting for changes effective in the upcoming year.
8. The application scoring, decision material, tabulation, notes, certified recordings, and/or any other documentation used by the Scholarship Review Committee in connection with a given applicant shall be made available upon request. An open records request may be charged for this service. The Scholarship Review Committee must retain the original materials for a minimum of seven (7) years.

9. Scholarship applicants must be full-time McNeil High School senior students for a minimum of one full semester prior to the application deadline.

10. All scholarship applications which do not have the required information will be considered incomplete and the applicant will not be eligible for a scholarship. Required documents include a signed Scholarship Acknowledgement Form, McNeil High School Track/Cross Country Booster Club Scholarship Program Candidate Application Form with essays attached, and a sealed 7-semester High School Transcript.

11. Scholarship awards may not be “need” based, but applicants who have received full scholarships from other sources may not be eligible for local scholarships.

12. The applicant’s enrollment in an accredited institution (college, university, trade school, military academy, etc.) is a requirement for receiving scholarship funds.

13. A list of those awarded scholarships will be given to the McNeil High School Accountant. Scholarship recipients or their parents must direct the accountant to which eligible school of higher education the payment should be sent. Support for disbursement of funds shall include an invoice from the college or university.

14. The work of the Scholarship Review Committee shall be subject to review and evaluation by the campus lead counselor. If unacceptable practices have transpired during the Review Committee’s work which jeopardizes the impartiality of the process, the scholarship award decision may be overturned and a new review undertaken. District administrators will work to establish an impartial committee for re-evaluation.

15. Scholarships will be awarded on a point system; the maximum available points are 50. In the event of a tie, the person that scored highest on the compulsory essay (#1) will be awarded the scholarship.

16. Scholarship Acknowledgement Form must be signed and turned in to either Coach Cotten, Coach Roberts or Coach Bligh no later than 4:00 pm, March 12, 2010.

17. Scholarship Applications, essays and 7-semester transcripts are to be turned in to either Coach Cotten, Coach Roberts or Coach Bligh no later than 4:00 pm, April 9, 2010.