

JOE PAJAC SCHOLARSHIP

Joe Pajac was an OLCCHS Spartan Booster Club parent and the father of two Spartans in the 1990s and early 2000s. Anyone who had kids in Oak Lawn or attended an OLCCHS event knew who he was. You could see Joe stocking, cleaning, and cooking at football, tennis, and basketball concessions. He was even known for grabbing his friend, Dennis, and heading to the forest preserve to hold concessions for the Oak Lawn Cross Country athletes and other schools. During his time at Oak Lawn, he touched many lives and created many bonds with parents, students, and faculty. He was a softie when it came to kids short on money. So many times he came home with empty pockets himself. Whether it was waiting at the concession stand to encourage a team after a tough loss or embarrassing his daughter to get a good laugh, Joe was the true example of what an "Oak Lawn Spartan Booster" was.

When Joe passed away in 2001, his family felt so deeply about his dedication to OLCCHS, they decided to bury him in his Oak Lawn Spartan Booster Club t-shirt. The Booster Club truly felt that Joe exemplified the true meaning of "Once a Spartan, Always a Spartan" and made the decision to name our scholarships after him.

INTRODUCTION

The Spartan Athletic Booster Club is pleased to offer the Joe Pajac Scholarship Award. The Booster Club continues to offer three awards of \$1,000 each, to be used in the pursuit of continued education. The scholarships will be a one-time, non-renewable, non-repayable award for graduating seniors attending Oak Lawn Community High School. The senior must be enrolling in a college, university, technical, vocational, or accredited school in a program that would prepare him or her to be a responsible citizen by pursuing a career choice at which they can succeed.

This award may be used to pay for the following: school application fees, tuition, room and board, books, lab and other miscellaneous fees and expenses-any cost directly paid to an accredited institution.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must earn an OLCCHS varsity letter
- Applicant must be a senior graduating from OLCCHS in the Spring of 2019
- Applicant must have maintained a grade point average of 2.5 or better
- Applicant's family member must be a member of the OLCCHS Booster Club

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates must include the following in order to be considered:

- Completed Application Form
- Short essay not to exceed three typed pages, double spaced with a font size of 12
- Proof of acceptance to an accredited school or list of intended school(s)
- Write an essay answering the following question: **What have you learned from participating in athletics that can be applied in life?**

Completed applications, essays, and proof of acceptance to an accredited school or list of intended school(s) must be turned into Mr. Cryan in the Athletic Office by 3:30 PM on April 19, 2019. All three of these documents must be turned in by the above deadline to be considered for this scholarship. Late entries will not be accepted.

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

SPARTAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

2019 JOE PAJAC SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____
Student ID#: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone #: _____ GPA: _____

ALL INFORMATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sports History: List year(s), activities, and awards received

Other extracurricular activities, community service, and awards received

All information will remain confidential to the Scholarship Committee. Attach all required information to this application. Submit completed packet to Athletic Director's Office by 3:30 PM on April 19, 2019. Use additional paper if necessary to list activities and awards.