



Scholarship Program



“Opportunity and Challenge”

The Maverick Foundation was established in 2002 to empower well-rounded mature young adults who lead by example and have the ability and confidence to envision a future for themselves where their mind, body and spirit reach their full potential by setting and achieving goals and who possess a passion for helping others. We provide incentive based scholarships to graduating eighth graders entering high school who are willing to accept the challenge of the Congressional Award Program. Scholarship recipients are required to achieve the prestigious Gold Medal prior to graduating from high school that requires them to perform 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of personal development, and 200 hours of physical activity. All applicants are encouraged to review the requirements of the Congressional Award at www.congressionalaward.org prior to applying for a scholarship.

The Gullickson McGuire Scholarship

Our flagship annual scholarship to Moore Catholic High School was established to honor the memory of Joe Gullickson, who made the ultimate sacrifice as a lieutenant with the FDNY on September 11, 2001 at the WTC and Dan McGuire, who tragically lost his life in automobile accident in 1976 at the age of 17.

Joe possessed a genuine concern for others and would do anything for anyone anytime. “No” was not in his vocabulary. FDNY Captain Tom Giordano said in his eulogy, “Joe was an exceptional officer, always learning, always teaching, and, above all, always looking out for his men. I am proud to call Joe a brother, a hero, and a friend.”

Dan was a natural leader and co-captain of Moore Catholic’s track team. He always gave 110% and was a true friend. Track Coach Bill Hodge said, “If ever I was to have a son, Danny is like what I want my son to be. He had so many good attributes – he was a tough, fine athlete, and combined that with sensitivity towards his fellow human beings.” Dan’s favorite motto was, “To the Max.”

The Terry Sweeney Scholarship

There are special people in the world who inspire and amaze us with their spirit for life and ability to rise above adversity and insurmountable odds with grace and courage. They unknowingly may prompt you to ask yourself, “How can I complain about anything in my life?” Terry Sweeney was one of these people and we are proud to offer a scholarship to Saint Peter’s HS in his memory.

Despite being afflicted with a rare degenerative neurological disease at a young age that gradually denied him of his motor skills until it ultimately took his life, Terry had a radiant smile and a magnetic personality that defied his condition. He stayed involved with his passion for sports especially his beloved Saint Peter’s Eagles with its hallowed basketball heritage. Although confined to a wheelchair for his entire adult life, it did not prevent him from attending activities and events that had to have been difficult for him but you could never tell. Even in his last days when Terry could not speak or eat and the disease was really taking its toll, you could tell how happy he was to see you. His sense of humor was infamous not only to make a joke at your expense but his ability to even laugh at himself. You could really tell how special he was by how many true friends he had. To know him was to love him and anyone who came to know him was a better person. Terry “lived strong” long before the phrase was coined on a yellow rubber wristband. He never had the opportunity to pursue a career or get married and have a family but he never complained and always made the most of what he did have. Terry led by example without even knowing it.

The Bill Hodge Scholarship

In 2010, the track and field community lost a shining light with the sudden passing of Coach Bill Hodge. He died doing what he loved to do for over four decades . . . inspiring and coaching runners to achieve their full potential in running and in life. Coach Bill Hodge began his lifelong dedication to track and field as a runner at Monsignor Farrell High School and Staten Island Community College. Coach Bill Hodge began his coaching career at Moore Catholic High School where he jumpstarted a lackluster program through his enthusiasm, dedication, and great personality. Coach Bill Hodge knew instinctively when a proverbial kick in the pants was needed or words of encouragement or a joke to break up the tension with his quick humor. His runners always gave 110% because they knew he was there with them . . . heart and soul. When the Moore Catholic team tragically lost their Co-Captain Dan McGuire, Coach Bill Hodge handled the traumatic loss with such class, reverence, and kept the team together. Coach Bill Hodge progressed through numerous college coaching assignments and was honored as “Coach of the Year” in four NCAA Division I conferences. A four year runner at Moore Catholic, John Cizin, says of Bill, “He taught me so much more about life than just running. He taught me about hard work, teamwork, and dedication.” Bill’s accomplishments will be there for the record books in the annals of track and field for the ages but his true and most important impact on the world was the intangible positive influence he had on the so many young people he coached in life without even knowing it.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to offer an annual scholarship in memory of Coach Bill Hodge to an eighth grader who is committed to running track for four years at a Catholic high school on Staten Island.

The Jim Boylan Scholarship

James (Jim) Boylan was a man dedicated to the service of our great city and country who served in the army during the Korean War and had a 27 year career with the FDNY. Jim was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. Jim was also struck by tragedy three times in his life with the loss of two beloved wives and his daughter Laura. Yet through it all, Jim carried this heavy burden with humility and would not weigh you down with his loss. He was a genuine friend and a kind man who was sincerely interested in your life and did not hesitate to help you if he could in any way. Jim’s childhood friend, Father Rich, said during his eulogy, “Jim was always a good guy and I do not mean that in a superficial way.” Anyone who met Jim just once came away with that same impression. He loved to share a laugh with you and always had a smile on his face when he met you. Jim’s well-rounded life made him an avid golfer and tennis player as well as a big fan of country music. Jim was also a graduate of Wagner College with a degree in business. Jim was a dedicated and stalwart supporter of The Maverick Foundation and a lifelong friend of The Gullickson Family.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to offer an annual scholarship in memory of Jim Boylan to the son or daughter of a New York City firefighter who is an eighth grader and will be attending a Catholic high School on Staten Island.

Scholarship Agreement

All scholarships are incentive-based and have a maximum value of \$7,000 with recipients required to enroll with The Congressional Award Foundation and achieve the Bronze Medal by December of their sophomore year, the Silver Medal by December of their junior year, and the Gold Medal by December of their senior year. A scholarship in the amount of \$750 will be made in September of each school year that is contingent upon consistent progress towards each Congressional Award Medal. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for obtaining the Bronze Medal; an additional \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for obtaining the Silver Medal, and a \$2,000 scholarship for obtaining the Gold Medal. Please read further to learn more about the scholarship, the Congressional Award Program, the basic requirements for applicants, and the terms and conditions of the scholarships.

In addition, you may visit our website at www.themaverickfoundation.com.



"To live in hearts of those left behind is not to die."

"The whole trick to life is to open your eyes and see what is going on around you." Dan McGuire



The MAVERICK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

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|-------------------|-------|----------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| NAME | | | | DATE OF BIRTH | |
| HOME ADDRESS | | | | | |
| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE | EMAIL | |
| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | | | | |
| ADDRESS | | | | | |
| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE | EMAIL | |
| PRINCIPAL | | | EIGHTH GRADE TEACHER | | |

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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| Parent Marital Status [Circle One] | Married | Separated | Divorced |
| MOTHER'S NAME | | | |
| FATHER'S NAME | | | |
| MOTHER'S OCCUPATION | | | |
| FATHER'S OCCUPATION | | | |
| APPLICANT'S SIBLINGS IF ANY [NAMES OF BROTHERS &/OR SISTERS WITH THEIR AGES] | | | |
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APPLICANT'S SPECIAL SITUATION OR CONDITION - OPTIONAL

Does the applicant have any situation or condition that you consider noteworthy? Please explain in the space below.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION - REQUIRED

Check the boxes below to indicate the scholarships that you are applying for.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | THE GULLICKSON McGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP TO MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | THE TERRY SWEENEY SCHOLARSHIP TO SAINT PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | THE BILL HODGE SCHOLARSHIP TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TRACK TEAM MEMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | THE JIM BOYLAN SCHOLARSHIP TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CHILD OF A NYC FIREFIGHTER. |



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IDENTIFICATION OF REFERENCES

PARISH/SCHOOL REFERENCE #1

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| NAME | | | | |
| ADDRESS | | | | |
| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE | EMAIL |
| RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT | | | | |
| How long has the reference known the applicant? | | | | |

PARISH/SCHOOL REFERENCE #2

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| RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT | | | | |
| How long has the reference known the applicant? | | | | |

EXTRACURRICULAR REFERENCE

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| RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT | | | | |
| How long has the reference known the applicant? | | | | |

QUOTES FOR THOUGHT & ACTION ...

- "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." **Anne Frank**
- "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart." **Helen Keller**
- "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." **Henry David Thoreau**
- "Live authentically. Be the person you truly are, and the sincerity of your efforts will bring a wonderful richness to your life." **Ralph Martson**
- "Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." **Lou Holtz**
- "Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing." **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY NUMBER 1

TYPE: Hobby, Athletic (Identify Sport), Cultural (Art, Dance, Theater, or Music), Volunteer, or Other (Specify)

Identify and briefly describe the activity as well as your involvement which started no earlier than Seventh Grade.

How often were you involved in this activity? (e.g. 1 hour per week for 12 weeks per year totaling 12 hours annually)

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| Start Date | | Completion Date | | Total Hours | |
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Activity Reference (Coach, Instructor, Mentor, Etc.)

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| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE | EMAIL |
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY NUMBER 2

TYPE: Hobby, Athletic (Identify Sport), Cultural (Art, Dance, Theater, or Music), Volunteer, or Other (Specify)

Identify and briefly describe the activity as well as your involvement which started no earlier than Seventh Grade.

How often were you involved in this activity? (e.g. 1 hour per week for 12 weeks per year totaling 12 hours annually)

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| Start Date | | Completion Date | | Total Hours | |
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Activity Reference (Coach, Instructor, Mentor, Etc.)

Name

Address

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY NUMBER 3

TYPE: Hobby, Athletic (Identify Sport), Cultural (Art, Dance, Theater, or Music), Volunteer, or Other (Specify)

Identify and briefly describe the activity as well as your involvement which started no earlier than Seventh Grade.

How often were you involved in this activity? (e.g. 1 hour per week for 12 weeks per year totaling 12 hours annually)

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| Start Date | | Completion Date | | Total Hours | |
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Activity Reference (Coach, Instructor, Mentor, Etc.)

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY NUMBER 4

TYPE: Hobby, Athletic (Identify Sport), Cultural (Art, Dance, Theater, or Music), Volunteer, or Other (Specify)

Identify and briefly describe the activity as well as your involvement which started no earlier than Seventh Grade.

How often were you involved in this activity? (e.g. 1 hour per week for 12 weeks per year totaling 12 hours annually)

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| Start Date | | Completion Date | | Total Hours | |
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Activity Reference (Coach, Instructor, Mentor, Etc.)

Name

Address

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| CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE | TELEPHONE | EMAIL |
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY NUMBER 5

TYPE: Hobby, Athletic (Identify Sport), Cultural (Art, Dance, Theater, or Music), Volunteer, or Other (Specify)

Identify and briefly describe the activity as well as your involvement which started no earlier than Seventh Grade.

How often were you involved in this activity? (e.g. 1 hour per week for 12 weeks per year totaling 12 hours annually)

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| Start Date | | Completion Date | | Total Hours | |
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Activity Reference (Coach, Instructor, Mentor, Etc.)

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DO NOT FORGET:

1. Answer all three short questions in the application.
2. Parents and applicant must sign and date your application.
3. Enclose a copy of your seventh and eighth grade report cards.
4. Enclose your typewritten essay (approximately 500 words).
5. Applications must be postmarked by May 1st.
6. Reference letters must be postmarked by May 1st.
7. Reference letters must be submitted separately.
8. Inform your principal that they may be contacted by the foundation.
9. Mail to: The Maverick Foundation
15 Erin Court
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

What does 100 hours of community service per year amount to? It is the same as approximately 16 minutes per day, approximately 2 hours per week, or a approximately 8 hours per month.

**THE MAVERICK FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
TERMS & CONDITIONS**



A. BASIC PREREQUISITES & INFORMATION

- A.1 Applicants are advised and required to carefully review the Congressional Award Program by referring to their website. Specifically, applicants are required to review and comply with the requirements for obtaining the Bronze Medal by December of their Sophomore Year, the Silver Medal by December of their Junior Year, and The Gold Medal by December of their Senior Year.
- A.2 An applicant may apply for more than one scholarship if they meet all the required criteria for each scholarship. However, an applicant will only be entitled to potentially receive one scholarship.
- A.3 Applicants for "The Gullickson McGuire Scholarship" are committed to attending Moore Catholic High School.
- A.4 Applicants for "The Terry Sweeney Scholarship" are committed to attending Saint Peter's High School.
- A.5 Applicants for "The Bill Hodge Scholarship" can attend any Catholic High School on Staten Island and are committed to participate in their track program for four years.
- A.6 Applicants for "The Jim Boylan Scholarship" can attend any Catholic High School on Staten Island and must be the son or daughter of a New York City firefighter.
- A.7 The foundation is seeking well-rounded mature young adults who lead by example and have the ability and confidence to envision a future for themselves where their mind, body and spirit reach their full potential by setting and achieving goals and who possess a passion for helping others.
- A.8 Applicants must have permanent residency in Staten Island.
- A.9 Applicants must have maintained a minimum overall grade average of 85 with all grades consistently above 80 for their entire 7th and 8th grades.
- A.10 Applicants must have consistently obtained a grade of "A" in conduct and effort for their entire 7th and 8th grades.
- A.11 Applicants are required to submit two letters of reference from representatives of their elementary school or parish who have regular interaction with the applicant's educational activities, preferably a teacher, principal, dean, or priest. Athletic coaches do not qualify for this reference.
- A.12 Applicants must submit one letter of reference from an instructor, coach, or leader associated with an outside group or organization, preferably a volunteer group, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, extra-curricular activity such as music, dance, or art, or a athletic club or team.

"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy



B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- B.1 Applications and reference letters must be postmarked no later than May 1st. Applications must be hand printed with no script writing allowed. Only utilize the space allowed for answering questions. (It makes good sense to draft and refine your responses before committing them to the final application.)
- B.2 Applications are to be mailed in a 9"x12" manila envelope and addressed to: The Maverick Foundation, 15 Erin Court, Bridgewater, New Jersey, 08807. Include the type-written essay as well as 7th and 8th grade report cards with the scholarship application.
- B.3 Reference letters are to be mailed directly to: The Maverick Foundation, 15 Erin Court, Bridgewater, New Jersey, 08807. They are **not** to be enclosed with the main application.
- B.4 We reserve the right to contact representatives of the applicant's elementary school to verify information submitted with application including grades and character.
- B.5 We reserve the right to contact references to verify information provided in the reference letters.
- B.6 Applications must include the typewritten and double-spaced essay and contain approximately 500 words.
- B.7 The Maverick Foundation will invite finalists from the application phase for a personal interview with their parents prior to final selection of scholarship recipients.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- C.1 Each scholarship has a maximum value of \$7,000 and is incentive-based with recipients required to enroll with The Congressional Award Program and achieve the Bronze Medal by December of their sophomore year, the Silver Medal by December of their junior year, and the Gold Medal by December of their senior year. A scholarship in the amount of \$750 will be made in September of each school year in September that is contingent upon consistent progress towards each Congressional Award Medal. In addition, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for obtaining the Bronze Medal, an additional \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for obtaining the Silver Medal, and a \$2,000 scholarship for obtaining the Gold Medal.
- C.2 The Maverick Foundation is a private, non-profit institution and evaluates all applicants equally without racial, religious, or any other prejudice and solely determines the annual scholarship winner. No information received by the organization will be made publicly available including the evaluation and selection criteria.
- C.3 The Maverick Foundation reserves the right not to issue any one of the scholarships on any given year for reasons that the foundation does not have to disclose.
- C.4 The Maverick Foundation reserves the right to contact high school representatives to discuss the recipient's performance. Scholarship recipients are required to promptly forward copies of all report cards to The Maverick Foundation as they are issued at the end of each marking period.
- C.5 The Maverick Foundation reserves the right to revoke the scholarship for failure of the recipient to comply with the performance requirements and achieve the Congressional Award Medals as scheduled below.
- C.6 Recipients must demonstrate upstanding character with values and integrity consistent with our mission statement. Failure of the recipient to conduct oneself accordingly could result in forfeiture of the scholarship.



D. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS - "THE CHALLENGE"

- D.1 The recipient must possess an eagerness to build character and a strong desire to reach his or her full potential, embrace the qualities of a quiet hero, lead by example, and have a genuine concern to help others. A team effort with the parent's support is required to achieve each of The Congressional Award's Program's prestigious medals.
- D.2 The recipient and his or her parents commit to maintain a minimum average of 85 with all grades consistently above 80 for every report card.
- D.3 The recipient will be required to volunteer 100 hours per year with organizations approved by the foundation that serve the community through ways such as protecting the environment, education, or assisting those in need. This will result in 400 total hours of volunteer work prior to graduation. The foundation strives to match the interests of the recipient with organizations to provide a rewarding experiences for the recipient and a benefit for the organizations.
- D.5 Scholarship recipients are required to dedicate 200 hours over a 24 month period towards personal development which may be accomplished through involvement in high school programs provided that they do not occur during normal school hours and do not contribute to their grade in any way. Scholarship recipients select the activities and submits for approval to the Maverick Foundation advisor for compliance with The Congressional Award Program.
- D.6 Scholarship recipients are required to dedicate 200 hours over a 24 month period towards physical activity which may be accomplished through involvement in high school programs provided that they do not occur during normal school hours and do not contribute to their grade in any way. Scholarship recipients select the activities and submits for approval to the Maverick Foundation advisor for compliance with The Congressional Award Program.
- D.7 Scholarship recipients are required to have a number of exploration experiences with varying durations. Three one day experiences plus a 2 consecutive day/1 overnight experience are required for the Bronze Medal. In addition, a 3 consecutive day/2 overnight experience is required for the Silver Medal. A 5 consecutive day/4 overnight experience is required for the Gold Medal. All trips are pre-planned and reviewed with the Maverick Foundation advisor prior to execution for compliance with the Maverick Foundation advisor for compliance with The Congressional Award Program.
- D.7 The schedule requires the recipient to obtain the Congressional Award Program's Bronze Medal by December of their sophomore year, the Silver Medal by December of their junior year, and the Gold Medal by December of their senior year prior to graduation. The program generally requires significant volunteer work (40 to 80 hours) during each summer commencing the summer before freshman year and after elementary school graduation depending on the recipient's time commitment to other activities during the school year. Additional information about the program is available at www.congressionalaward.org or (202) 226-0130.

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E. THE COMMITMENT

- E.1 We, the applicant and his or her parents, commit to the challenge of The Maverick Foundation, honestly support our son's or daughter's pursuit of The Congressional Award Gold Medal with a full understanding of its requirements and are confident in our son's or daughter's maturity and ability to meet the challenge.
- E.2 We further attest that all information submitted in the application is accurate and that all questions were answered and the essay was written without any outside assistance. We recognize that if this was not the case we stand to lose the scholarship.
- E.3 We understand that information about our son or daughter and his or her participation in The Maverick Foundation may be publicized by the Maverick Foundation.
- E.4 We release and hold harmless all individuals associated with The Maverick Foundation from any and all liability of any kind for any injury that our son or daughter might suffer while performing any activity in connection with the foundation.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE & DATE

MOTHER'S SIGNATURE & DATE

FATHER'S SIGNATURE & DATE

A Special Note ...

The Maverick Foundation truly appreciates the effort of all who applied for these scholarships. If you are not that special person, do not let this deter you from your dream or dampen your desire to be a better person and achieve your goals. Remember there are many opportunities with people who are willing to help you and many, likewise, who need your help.

*Sincerely,
Bob Gullickson
President*