

MHBVO (Leadership, Inspiration and Merit) Award*

Proposal submitted to membership by the Scholarship Committee

August 17, 2022

***Final name to TBD**

I. Overview

- A Community/Service award to a graduating high school senior.
 - The Committee reserves the right to select multiple recipients.
- The amount of the award is to be \$500 annually.
- MHBVO will make a 5-year commitment to this proposal.
- \$2,500 will be set aside and earmarked for this program's inception.
- Funded by the treasury surplus.
 - Other activities may be conducted to fund this account and extend or expand this program.
 - 50/50.
 - Tournaments (also an answer to our renewal needs).
 - Contributions.
 - Others TBD.

Final approval for this proposal will be made by the MHBVO Board of Directors

- The program procedures will be reviewed by the committee annually, and modifications suggested to the Board of Directors for approval.

II. Rational

- Raise our public profile.
- Community outreach.
 - Foster public good will.
 - A contribution back to our community.
- Branding MHBVO as a socially responsible organization
 - Our profession owes its existence to the population that we officiate.
- Recognize a player for their exceptional motivational, leadership, service, sporting conduct traits.
- Encouraging and supporting the student athletes to further their education
- Recruiting potential for future officials
- Can be used counter "money hungry officials" claims during contract nego

III Criteria

- Recipient will be a high school graduating senior who is associated with a volleyball program at a High School serviced by MHBVO.
 - Need not be a player.
 - The award will be made without regard to volleyball playing skill, GPA, economic need or other scholarship and assistance received by the candidate.
 - These factors may be mentioned in the application for consideration.

- Money is to be used for post-graduation education (college, vocational, or other educational training as stated in the application).
- Application narrative should include:
 - Leadership
 - Community Service.
 - Sporting conduct.
 - Inspirational merit.
 - intended educational goals.
 - Intended continued relationship with the sport.
 - Player.
 - Official.
 - Coach.
 - Supporter.
- Applications exceeding one page will be discarded.
- Not available to immediate MHBVO family members (sons/daughters/nieces/nephews).

IV Process

- Applicants will be nominated by, and their application completed by their head coach.
 - Each coach/program will be limited to one applicant.
- Format will be one-page narrative, complemented by a short question form
- Application instructions/form are to be developed.

V Review

- Review of the application will be conducted, and winner selected by the Scholarship Committee.
- There will be an odd number of Committee members.
 - Among themselves they will agree on a vote value system to narrow and select a winner.
 - The MHBVO President will break any resulting tie.
- The selection will not be based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or genetic information including medical history.

VI Timeline:

- Awards would commence in the 2022 season
- Application deadline will be the last Friday of the regular season.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee members and a decision made by November 1st.
- Winner's AD will be notified.
- Award will be presented at the Sectional final of the winners.
- If no member of the Scholarship Committee is available to make the presentation, the first referee for that match will make the presentation.

Application Instructions (in progress):

APPLICATION

THE MID HUDSON BOARD OF VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS Inspirational Merit AWARD

The MHBVO will present a graduating senior who has been associated with their high school's volleyball program an award of \$500.

Student application for this award will be considered through nomination of a graduating senior associated with their school's volleyball by the District's coach(es). Coach(es) may nominate one graduating student from their program.

Nomination Process:

Coach(es) please submit a single page narrative for your nominee. Only one application per district will be accepted. Please include information related to the listed criteria along with any other pertinent information you feel makes your nominee deserving of this award.

Criteria:

- Money will be used for post-graduation education (college, vocational, or other educational training).
- Nominee will be a graduating senior who is associated with a High School volleyball program serviced by MHBVO. Nominee need not be a player. (e.g. scorekeeper, manager. etc.).
- Nominee's Inspirational Merit – including but not limited to:
 - Leadership.
 - Sporting conduct.
 - Responsibility.
 - Character.
 - Community Service.
- Nominee's Intended educational goals (college, vocational, or other educational training).
- Nominee's Intended continued relationship with the sport. (e.g. college player, coach, official, supporter).