



Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Each year, the Richard Becher Memorial Foundation for Safety in Sports intends to award six high school seniors with a scholarship to assist with the cost of higher education expense. These awards are determined on a competitive basis and require the submission of an application and student essay.

Richard Becher was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on December 30, 1963. He moved to Long Island when he was very young where he grew up the youngest of five boys with his parents in East Northport. At a young age, he developed an innate love for people and a love for all sports as a spectator, a player, an umpire and a coach. His passion was baseball, which he enjoyed playing at shortstop, well into his 20's and continued to play softball his whole life. He currently resided in the Sachem School District and could often be found on the sidelines as a spectator, especially when they played Northport High School. Rich was a graduate of Northport HS class of '82, where he played baseball and soccer, and continued following Northport Tiger sports closely.

As an adult, his humor, honest nature, kindness and appreciation of life were evident from the moment you met him. He had an adventurous spirit and believed in experiencing *everything* that life offers. He was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Jets.

Rich was a devoted husband and loving father of 2 children, Hannah and Nicholas, whom he would do anything for. As a business owner, he worked tirelessly to ensure that each and every job was perfectly completed.

He successfully battled esophageal cancer in 1997. Even that failed to dim his spirit or enthusiasm for life. He continued to live each day as though it might be his last. When that day did come for Richie, he was on a baseball diamond coaching his son's Nicky's team... doing what he enjoyed and living life to the fullest.

The Richard Becher Memorial Foundation for Safety in Sports was founded as a result of Richie's sudden death on September 20, 2014. His family and friends have teamed up to form this foundation, whose primary mission is to promote a safe environment for players, coaches and spectators participating in youth sports. We encourage all students to participate in this process.

Sincerely,  
Richard Becher Memorial Foundation for Safety in Sports, Inc.  
Scholarship Committee

# SCHOLARSHIP



**RICHARD BECHER**  
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR  
**SAFETY IN SPORTS**  
INC

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Richard Becher Memorial Scholarship is to provide funding to a worthy high school senior who has demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, humanitarianism, and overall citizenship both on the field and off. The selected individual will possess qualities that the committee deems reflective of the foundation's mission. The scholarship will be exclusively used for college expenses in the recipient's area of study.

## AWARD

There will be a scholarship awarded to one male and one female high school senior in the amount of \$500.00. The scholarship committee will determine the number of high school students that are eligible to receive the scholarship. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipients and must be used for college expenses.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a full time student of Northport High School, Sachem High School North or Sachem High School East.
2. Applicants must be in good academic standing.
3. Applicants must be accepted into either a 2 or 4 year college.
4. Applicants must have a proven track record of citizenship and must provide detailed examples.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Student essay.
2. 3 Letters of recommendation.
3. Proof of academic performance 3.0 GPA or better.
4. Demonstrated record of citizenship as noted in the essay and recommendations.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the RBMF scholarship, applicants must complete the application by March 1, 2016.

The application must include:

1. A completed application form
2. A 500 word essay detailing accomplishments related to citizenship and personal experiences
3. An official transcript
4. 3 Letters of recommendation

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

1. Please fill out the electronic application at <http://richardbecher.org/>
2. Letters of recommendation may be filled out electronically or submitted to the address below.
3. The statement requires a signature that may be created electronically or printed, signed and mailed to:

**Richard Becher Memorial Foundation  
for Safety in Sports, Inc**  
PO Box 383, Holbrook, NY 11741

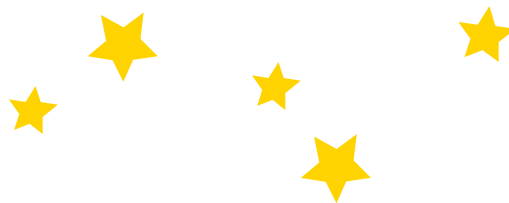
*Questions about the application process may be directed to [scholarship@richardbecher.org](mailto:scholarship@richardbecher.org)*

**Note that all application materials must be received by March 1, 2016.**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



**RICHARD BECHER**  
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## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

## MUST PROVIDE:

- Indicate all Interscholastic Teams that you have participated on over your high school career.
- Indicate all extracurricular activities that you have worked with over your high school career.
- Indicate all leadership positions that you have earned and their title.
- List any special awards or achievements that you have earned in your high school career
- Provide a 500 word essay outlining your accomplishments as they relate to citizenship, sportsmanship through your personal experiences. Highlight specific instances where you have demonstrated leadership qualities that focused on humanitarian efforts that you personally demonstrated.
- Provide 3 letters of recommendation.
- Provide an official transcript.