

The Kenny Elgert Scholarship

Kenny Elgert, better known as Severna Park High School's #1 fan, will never be forgotten. Our student athletes, SPHS families, faculty, coaches and staff were so blessed to have Kenny as a friend and a SPHS alumnus cheering them on every step of the way at just about every sporting event all over the county. Kenny was an integral part of the SPHS Athletics program and his infectious smile, energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude inspired our Falcons and community. Win or lose Kenny was there with a fist pump, high five and even sometimes a big hug. Kenny was an inspiration to everyone he met and taught others kindness, compassion, devotion and love. Kenny suffered with apraxia, a condition that affected his motor skills. He couldn't learn sign language because his muscles did not make the connection to his brain. Despite his disability and the fact that he was non-verbal, while attending SPHS Kenny was the bench manager for football, basketball and the lacrosse teams. Kenny attended almost all soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, lacrosse and field hockey games up until his death on March 6, 2019. He was a gold medal athlete with the Special Olympics program, participating in duck and 10 pin bowling, he also played softball and bocce. Additionally, Kenny was a SPHS drama member and would attend every show the SPHS Drama Club performed to include Rock n Roll which Kenny attended at least 4 shows a year since 1999. One of Kenny's biggest pleasures in life was attending SPHS sporting events. His favorite spectating location was right behind the players bench cheering on his Falcons and giving our coaches his advice and support. Even though Kenny was non-verbal his actions spoke louder than words and his heart was enormous. To know Kenny was to love Kenny. Kenny Elgert embodied the spirit, positivity and attitude every athlete strives to be. #BelikeKenny

Award:

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a Severna Park High School senior who is a 2-year participant or volunteer for the SPHS Unified Sports program, Special Olympics or another certified sports organization that exemplifies the Special Olympics.

Eligibility:

Priority consideration will be given to athletes participating in any SPHS Unified Sport, the Special Olympics or organization similar in nature to the Special Olympics for 2 years. A contact reference will be required for those students who have participated with the Special Olympics or a similar organization. The applicant's family must be a current member of the Falcon Athletic Booster Club.

This senior may or may not be college bound. If this student is not college bound, the scholarship will go toward the individuals' disability needs including medical/healthcare, community supports or educational opportunities.

In addition to the completed application form, applicants should also include a 350-500 word essay or 3-5-minute video recording of the applicant in response to the following prompt:

How has participating in sports impacted your life? How have the relationships you have built (coaches, teammates, competitors) through these sports helped you grow as a person and how will these experiences help you in the future?

Submission Requirements

- Fill out all required information below. Please type or use black ink.
- Do not include resumes or copies of awards.
- If an applicant has participated in the Special Olympics or a similar sports-oriented organization a contact reference will be required.
- Write and attach a 350 - 500 word essay to this page describing how your participation in SPHS Unified Sports, the Special Olympics or a similar sports-oriented organization has impacted your life as a young adult and how some of the relationships you have built with coaches, teammates and competitors has helped you grow as a person and how it will help you in the future.
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced in 12 point, Times New Roman font and consist of no less than 350 words and not more than 500 words.
- An alternative to the written essay is a 3- to 5-minute video. This may be submitted to SPHS Boosters.
- Application deadline is April 16, 2021.
- If schools are open and student athlete is attending in person, he or she may drop off application in the Falcon Athletic Boosters Club, Inc. mailbox in the school main office or to Ms. Burge in the Counseling Center. Student athletes may also send applications to: imburge@aacps.org. Please provide a copy of the video file or a URL where the video may be watched. The Falcon Athletic Boosters Club scholarship committee will review all applications and the scholarship will be presented virtually or in person before the end of the school year.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Cumulative GPA (Weighted): _____

504 Plan: Yes or No

IEP Plan: Yes or No

Please check your participation:

Unified Sports Special Olympics* Other*

*If you have participated in either the Special Olympics or other similar sports-oriented programs you are required to provide a reference. Please complete below.

Unified Sports

Sport: _____ Year(s) participated: _____

Special Olympics

Years participated: _____

Reference

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Comments:

Other

Name of Organization: _____

Years participated: _____

Reference

Name: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Comments:

Education Plans [if you have not made a final college decision, please list accredited colleges to which you have applied and include your intended major]:

College Name: _____ Intended Major: _____

If you have a disability and need medical/healthcare, community supports, or educational opportunities please comment below:

Please attach the typed essay per requirements above to this page if applying or submit a 3-5 minute video with this application to the SPHS Boosters program.