

# Coach Michael Orr Memorial Scholarship



Coach Orr welcomed all to the team and then tried to find an event where each student could succeed. He required his athletes to make their academics a priority and inspired them to become leaders in motivating and training fellow team members. Coach Orr found success not just in victory, but in a student achieving a new personal record. And, if victory came, his celebration was not for personal glory, but for the athlete who had risen to the challenge, realized his or her potential, and contributed to the overall efforts of the team. He demanded hard work and dedication, but that was no less than what he gave himself. He truly cared about his athletes as individuals.

**Coach Michael Orr – Head Track & Field Coach for James M. Bennett Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams for over 12 years until he retired in Feb. 2010. He died on April 10, 2010. Coach Orr encouraged his athletes to “Lean Forward” on the track, in the classroom, and in life.**

**In his words, “Don’t give up, never quit and you got to have heart!”..... Michael V. Orr, Sr.**

**Eligibility:** A James M. Bennett indoor and/or outdoor track athlete who has senior standing and who meets all of the requirements for the Coach Orr Memorial Scholarship.

## Requirements:

- 1. The athlete must have competed in at least two (2) full seasons of indoor and/or outdoor track with at least one of the competition seasons occurring during his/her senior year.**

Please indicate your participation (full seasons only). Check all that apply.

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	_____ Indoor Track	_____ Outdoor Track
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	_____ Indoor Track	_____ Outdoor Track
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	_____ Indoor Track	_____ Outdoor Track
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	_____ Indoor Track	_____ Outdoor Track

- 2. The athlete must have a minimum of a 2.5 unweighted GPA.**

My cumulative unweighted GPA as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3. The athlete must have demonstrated leadership in track and other activities.**  
Please identify the areas and activities where you have demonstrated leadership.

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- 4. The athlete should also be involved in community activities.**  
Please identify your areas of community involvement.

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- 5. The athlete must submit a 300-500 word essay on the topic "Lean Forward."**  
Please attach a typed copy of your essay on how you have applied and will apply the philosophy of "Lean Forward" to your life.

- 6. The athlete must submit a letter of acceptance for a 2 or 4 year college.**

I plan on attending college at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please attach a copy of your letter of acceptance to this application.

**The selection of the recipient for the Coach Michael Orr Memorial Scholarship will be determined by the members of the Coach Michael Orr Scholarship Committee.**

Please submit your completed application with all required attachments to:

**James M. Bennett Guidance Department**

**Coach Michael Orr Memorial Scholarship**

The deadline for the applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>.