

# Jim Watkins Memorial Scholarship

Jim Watkins served the Bath Community Schools as a coach and athletic director for over 20 years. Most of those years were spent coaching girls' varsity softball and basketball. He was instrumental in organizing fundraisers and contributing, without hesitation, his own funds and countless hours to the athletic programs.

Jim grew up in Cheboygan, Michigan and was a star athlete at Cheboygan High School. To this day, he still holds the record for the most points scored (54) in one basketball game.

Jim met his wife, Mary Herrguth, in college. Mary was a student athlete and graduate of Bath High School. They celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2007. Their two children, James and Danielle were also student athletes and graduates of Bath High School. Jim managed Powerhouse Gym of DeWitt for 10 years where student athletes often trained during the off season. He purchased the gym in 2005.

Jim was diagnosed with malignant melanoma in May of 2005. He was determined to win the battle right up to the end. He was not a quitter. He believed that if a person wants something badly enough and works hard enough, they will achieve their goal. However, he also understood that God is the only one that knows when it is our time to come out of the game and unfortunately, Jim passed away October 22, 2007.

Jim was committed to the student athletes at Bath High School and took his role in helping to shape their character very seriously and with great care. He expected them to be good sports, to respect one another and to take pride in being a Bath Fighting Bee. He tried to teach them how sportsmanship can enrich every aspect of their lives.

In honor of Coach Watkins and his many contributions to the Bath schools' athletic programs, the Jim Watkins Memorial Scholarship has been established and will be offered annually.

## Scholarship Information

In memory of Jim Watkins, the Bath Athletic Boosters are offering at least one \$500 scholarship to a member of the Bath High School graduating class. (The scholarship shall be awarded to one boy and one girl whenever possible.) This scholarship is restricted to graduates receiving their diploma from Bath High School.

### Criteria

1. Applicant must have participated in a high school sport for four (4) years.
2. Applicant must submit an essay on "What Sportsmanship Means to You and How it Can Be Applied to Other Aspects of Life."
3. Applicant must submit at least one letter of recommendation.

### Guidelines

1. Applications will be available from Mrs. Fritz in the Bath High School Counseling Office.
2. Applicant must submit a scholarship application on or before Friday, April 26, 2024, to the HS Counselor's Office.
3. The amount of the scholarship is \$500. Checks will be written to the recipient and the college/university of their choice.
4. The Scholarship Selections Committee (Bath Athletic Booster members) shall review all applications and reach a decision.
5. Recipient(s) will be notified at the Senior Banquet.

## JIM WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you plan to attend:

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College and Career Goals:

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High school athletics and years you participated:

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**School Sponsored Clubs you participated in:**

☐ National Honor Society ☐ Quiz Bowl ☐ Renaissance Club ☐ GSA ☐ Student Council ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Environmental Club ☐ Robotics Club ☐ Business Pros. America ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any leadership positions you held in these clubs or volunteer activities you participated in for any of the school sponsored activity.** *(Please do not list events which are required of your club such as Unity in the Community and Red Cross blood drive. Examples to list would be things like: NHS President, Student Council Treasurer, Big brothers/big sisters, afterschool tutoring, track timing, etc.)*

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**Non-School Sponsored Clubs or activities you participated in:**

☐ 4-H ☐ FFA ☐ Boy/Girl Scouts ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any non-school sponsored community service and involvement.** *(Examples to list would be things like volunteering at hospitals, zoos, food pantries, scouting projects, etc.)*

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Please attach at least one letter of recommendation.

**Please attach an essay on What Sportsmanship Means to You and How it Can Be Applied to Other Aspects of Life.**