

Ray Siegrist Scholarship

Background

This scholarship program was established in 2002 to recognize the contributions & commitment of Mr. Ray Siegrist to the coaches and athletes of Bergen County high school athletic programs. As a coach, member of the BCCA Executive Board, and most important, as Executive Treasurer of the BCCA, Ray always demonstrated the BCCA needs to give back to the athletes and coaches wherever and whenever it can. The establishment and growth of the Lou Lanzalotto Scholarship Fund can be directly attributed to his advocacy. Ray knew the importance of first-rate coaching and recognized how superior high school coaches make the difference in budding student athletes. He knew the importance of scholastic sports in developing the positive morals and characteristics needed to be a contributing member of society. In short, he knew the value of high school athletics.

Purpose

This scholarship program was established to recognize the contributions BCCA members make to the high school experience in preparing student athletes for post-secondary education. It recognizes athletes who understand the value of high school athletics in both work and deed.

Award

Scholarships of \$1000.00 will be awarded. If a recipient has received another scholarship from the BCCA or the BCWCA it will be counted towards the \$1000 scholarship total awarded. The scholarship is to be used for expenses associated with attendance at a 4-year college or university. Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone or mail. A check will be mailed when official enrollment to an accredited institution is provided.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Son or daughter of a member of the Bergen County Coaches Association.
2. Senior in high school graduating in the year the scholarship is awarded.
3. Plan to attend 4-year College or university in same year scholarship is awarded.
4. Earned a varsity letter in at least one high school sport.
5. Completed Application forms/answer to essay question.

Student Considerations

1. 350-750 word essay (maximum 2 pages in size 14 font) on “What playing sports in high school has meant to me.”
2. Participation in high school athletics.
3. Leadership & honors/awards in high school athletics.
4. Scholarship: GPA and transcript. Include 7th semester transcript

Parent Consideration

1. Contributions to Bergen County Coaches Association
2. Number of years coaching high school sports. Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman levels.

Application Procedure

Submit a completed application packet to the BCCA. Completed application form must be postmarked by May 23, 2025. Applications not postmarked by this date will not be considered.

Submit completed application packet to Bill Jaeger at address listed below:

**Mr. Bill Jaeger
44 Haring Street
Bergenfield, NJ 07621**

Ray Siegrist Scholarship Application form.

Be sure to complete both pages of application form and attach essay and transcript. Also, make sure you provide phone numbers to contact parents and athletes & have student's athletic director sign the form.

Name of Parent who is active member of BCCA: _____

Parent email: _____ Parent phone number: _____

Name of high school BCCA member *coaches at*: _____

Sport(s) BCCA member coached or coaches. List each school coached at & number of years and level coached:

List any BCCA positions held or other contributions to the organization:

Name of athlete: _____

High School: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Intended College: _____

Intended Sport to participate in college: _____

Attach type written essay to this application form.

Athletic and Academic Record

Please fill out all the required information and have the athletic director of your high school sign the application form to verify the accuracy.

Name of Student Athlete: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

List high school sport(s) and number of years you have received a varsity letter award:

List of high school sports you have received high school recognition for participation (Junior Varsity or Freshman).

List of all-league, all-county and all-state honors you have received. List level (first, second, third or honorable mention) and sport for which you received those honors.

Grade Point Average at time of submission of application: _____

You must attach a 7th semester transcript.

Name of athletic director @ student's high school _____

I have reviewed the above application information and verify its accuracy.

Athletic Director Signature _____ Date _____