

## **THE MARK DeVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship program was established by the widow and son of Mark DeVries as a way to honor Mark, who exemplified the “all-around nice guy” on campus. Mark demonstrated good character, strong leadership, athleticism, citizenship, friendship, and commitment to academics and community. Mark was a 1982 graduate of T.F. South High School and was involved in Choir, Drama, National Honor Society, football, and basketball. Mark had a successful career as a financial advisor but measured his success in the relationships he developed over his lifetime. He was deeply committed to the betterment of his community and the enrichment of the lives of those he came in contact with daily. He was a lifetime resident of the region and passed away in August, 2017.

### **PURPOSE**

The intent of this scholarship is to aid financial assistance to a member of the senior graduating class of T.F. South High School. Such monies, designated by Karin DeVries, widow of Mark DeVries, have been established to assist a graduate who has been accepted by and enrolled with an accredited college, university or trade school.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicant must reside within the established boundaries of Thornton Fractional Township South High School. The applicant must have attended T.F. South High School all four years (and must have maintained a 3.0 GPA all four years). Applicant must have played a minimum of one sport all four years of high school with at least two years as a varsity player, and have participated in a minimum of one other extra-curricular, non-sport related program. Applicant must provide one letter of recommendation from a faculty member indicating how they are considered a leader among their peers. A student may receive this scholarship once, per lifetime.

### **Scholarship Grant**

This award is privately financed by monies secured by a portion of the estate of Mark DeVries, his widow, Karin DeVries, being the primary beneficiary agent. The fund is administered by the Athletics Office of Thornton Fractional South High School, located at 18500 Burnham Avenue, Lansing, Illinois. An annual report of the receipts, expenditures, interest earned, etc., shall be made available for inspection.

The amount of the award is to be determined on an annual basis and may be used for expenses related to enrollment in an institution of higher learning. Currently, one student-athlete, annually, will be awarded the amount of \$1000.00. Disbursements will be made upon receipt of a current

enrolment verification certificate, the first grading period transcript indicating good standing, of an applicant.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The committee designated to oversee the execution of this scholarship shall consist of the following members: Karin DeVries, (widow of Mark DeVries), the principal of T.F. South High School, and the assistant to the principal of T.F. South High School, along with a rotating member of the DeVries family (at their discretion). In the event any of the listed members cease to exist or no other members are available or unable to be located, the appointment of the vacancies, to the committee, shall be filled as a joint venture, of the remaining participants.

### **METHOD OF SELECTION**

The selection and decision-making process, of this governing committee, shall be final. Awarding of the scholarship shall be based upon the criteria established within the application and the information submitted by each applicant.



**THE MARK DeVRIES MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please fill out the application carefully and completely. Use dark ink. The information given in this application will be kept strictly confidential and used ONLY to help the Scholarship Committee make their decision.

I hereby apply for The Mark DeVries Memorial Scholarship and submit the following information:

Name of applicant:

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

Complete address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

List the Lansing School District schools you have attended, including years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Did this student attend TF South for the entire 4 years of their entire academic career?

Administrator attestation of qualifying attendance:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

List all sports related activities in which you have participated, both in school and out of school:

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Did this student play at least one sport for 4 years AND were they are varsity player for 2 years?

Athletic Director attestation of qualifying sports requirement:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

List all non-athletic activities, clubs, etc. in which you have been involved both in school and out of school:

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Did this student participate in an extra-curricular, non-athletic club during their academic career?

Club/Extra Curricular Facilitator Attestation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Keeping in mind the spirit of Mr. DeVries with respect to leadership, athleticism, extracurricular activities and character, tell us why you think the committee should select you as a recipient:

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On an attached **TYPED** letter, tell us what you think makes a good friend and how you feel you have been a good friend to others.

Please have the following signed and ***attach a letter of recommendation*** from a faculty member indicating how you are a leader among your peers.

I attest to the validity of the statements made in this application and agree to abide by the decision of the committee.

_____ Date	_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian
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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE AT TF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BY **FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**.**

**Application Checklist (all boxes must be checked to qualify)**

- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Typed Essay attached
- ☐ Signature to attest to enrollment eligibility
- ☐ Signature to attest to athletic eligibility
- ☐ Signature to attest to non-athletic activities eligibility
- ☐ Copy of transcript to ensure 3.0 maintained entire 4 years