

# **Rick Weber Memorial Girls Soccer Scholarship**

## **A Mater Dei Community Scholarship**

### **Overview**

Rick Weber served the Evansville and Mater Dei communities for over 30 years working diligently to establish and support athletic programs that enabled thousands of youth to participate in soccer on a local, state, and national level. Rick passed away July 5, 2016, at the age of 63.

Over the years, he coached recreational soccer for Pepsi Youth Soccer; served as commissioner of the West Side Pepsi Youth Soccer; managed Moutoux Park soccer fields which included mowing the fields and scheduling games and practices; served as Soccer Commissioner for the White River Park State games in Evansville; and was one of the original founders of the Evansville Elite Soccer Club.

Rick was a 1970 graduate of Reitz High School and a member of the Reitz High School Soccer Booster Club Board of Directors. He led the effort in forming the Mater Dei High School Soccer Booster Club.

He was on the Indiana Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors serving as District Commissioner and secretary, and he was chair or co-chair of local, state, and national soccer tournaments that took place in Evansville and in Indiana. As an ambassador of soccer for the state and for Evansville, Rick was instrumental in bringing the State Cup Finals to Evansville. He was awarded the Jay Fredrich Good of Soccer Award at the Indiana Soccer Association Banquet this past April.

From 1993-2015 Rick was the announcer and grounds keeper for the EVSC high school soccer fields in Evansville. He was part of the group that made Goebel Soccer Complex a reality.

Rick's dedication to Mater Dei was exceptional. For many years, he worked nearly every Mater Dei athletic event. He also cleaned the Mater Dei gym following the events, and with his machine maintenance skills, repaired every machine in the concession stand as well as in the cafeteria.

Rick was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Mater Dei Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, St. Philip Conservation Club, and the West Side Nut Club. Every year he was the first one to get the first pronto pup out of the grease at the Fall Festival.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, Mater Dei Athletic secretary; daughters, Emily Maurer and her husband, Duane, and Amy Weber; grandchildren, Collin and Baylee.

## **Objective**

The Rick Weber Memorial Girls Soccer Scholarship will be awarded to a senior member of the girls soccer team who exemplifies the spirit of Rick Weber. This senior will have played soccer all four years of high school and demonstrated strong moral character, work ethic, humility, teamwork, and commitment to service.

## **Administration and Award**

A scholarship committee made up of the family of the Rick Weber will receive and review all scholarship applications, and the winner will be announced at the annual Honors Awards ceremony held in May. In the event the family is unable to select a scholarship recipient, the girls soccer coach and athletic director will approve the recipient. The winner will receive a \$500 check to be applied toward a post-secondary education.

## **Requirements**

Each applicant is asked to submit a TYPED essay. In this essay please tell why you exemplify the spirit of Rick Weber. Please include what you have been involved in at Mater Dei other than just soccer. Rick was involved in many things, but soccer was his passion. Remember to address what being a part of the Mater Dei Girls soccer program meant to you over your high school career. Finally tell us why you think you deserve to be honored with this scholarship. Rick was very dear to the family and his legacy means a great deal. Your essay needs to be 1-3 pages long.

# Rick Weber Memorial Soccer Scholarship Application

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

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

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# of Years You Played Soccer at MD: \_\_\_\_\_

College You Plan to Attend in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_