



## **THE MIKE TRAFICANTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This Scholarship is dedicated to Mike Traficante for his unending love and hard work for over thirty (30) years to the CLCF GALS Softball League.

In honor of Mike's unceasing dedication, a one time grant of *Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars*, or in any amount directed by the Scholarship Committee, will be made each fall to a member or past member of GALS Softball who has graduated from high school and has been accepted and enrolled in a post secondary school.

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING**

Each applicant must complete an application for the scholarship. The application will be available on the CLCF GALS website ([www.clcvalgsoftball.com](http://www.clcvalgsoftball.com)). The application must then be submitted to the League President. All information on the application is designed to allow the Scholarship Committee to make an informed decision on the basis of the criteria outlined below as to whom to award the scholarship. You may elect not to provide any information requested. However, if information is requested and not provided, it may affect your daughters chances of being awarded a scholarship.

All information provided shall be held strictly confidential and will only be seen and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

The applicant must also meet all eligibility requirements as outlined below.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for *The Mike Trafficante Scholarship*, an applicant must provide a completed application. In addition to the completed application, proof of acceptance and enrollment to a college, university, trade school, or other post secondary school must be provided. Said acceptance must be on official school letterhead to be valid. If the applicant does not furnish said proof of acceptance and enrollment, she shall not be eligible for the scholarship. The applicant must also be a current registered player of CLCF GALS Softball, or a former registered player of CLCF GALS Softball

To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must provide with her completed application a 500 word letter addressed to the Scholarship committee. The letter should focus on what impact playing in the CLCF GALS Softball League has had on her life. The applicant may discuss a former coach, teammate, or any other aspect of CLCF GALS Softball involvement that has left a positive impression on the applicant, or provided the applicant with a lesson that she learned.

Failure to provide a letter to the Scholarship Committee shall disqualify the applicant from consideration. There is no age restriction relative to the applicant. The applicant may be enrolled as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior to be eligible.

The Scholarship Committee may, at its discretion, require the applicant to provide the committee with proof that the Scholarship funds were utilized for school purposes. If such request is made, and the applicant fails to provide same, the applicant shall no longer be eligible for future scholarship awards.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

All applicants must provide the following documentation:

1. Personal essay of no more than 500 words describing your involvement in the CLCF league.
2. Letter of recommendation from either an employer, Professor from your high school, or major field of study, a coach or former coach, church pastor, or anyone familiar with the applicant.
3. An official academic transcript from high school, or the post-secondary school attended.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applications must be received by May 30<sup>th</sup> of the school year to be eligible for the fall semester award. An application received after the deadline date of May 30<sup>th</sup> may only be considered by the Scholarship Committee for good cause in the sole discretion of the Committee, but in any event may not be submitted later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The award of *The Mike Traficante Scholarship* will be made no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. The recipient will be notified by letter from the Scholarship Committee. The award will also be posted on the CLCF GALS website. Acceptance of the scholarship shall be deemed authority for the CLCF GALS Softball League to post the recipient's name, photograph of the recipient and Mike Traficante, and the school and field of study the applicant is attending, on the CLCF GALS website. No other information shall be provided.

The actual presentation of the scholarship check shall be made at the annual banquet or at some other time at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Nothing herein shall be construed as a guarantee that an award of the scholarship shall be made merely by applying. The Scholarship Committee also reserves the right to not present a scholarship in any given year in its sole discretion.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members of the CLCF GALS Softball League. The five members shall be:

- ✚ Mike Traficante, who shall be a member of the committee for life.
- ✚ The league attorney, who shall be serving during the current year.
- ✚ The league president.
- ✚ Two current coaches from the Senior Division appointed by the league president for a term not to exceed 5 years.

*Mike Traficante shall be chairman of the Scholarship committee.*

### **CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF THE MIKE TRAFICANTE SCHOLARSHIP**

The following criteria shall be considered for the award of *The Mike Traficante Scholarship*:

1. The number of years the applicant has played for the CLCF GALS Softball.
2. The number of other scholarships available to the applicant.
3. Tuition of the school enrolled in and accepted at.
4. Need of the applicant.
5. Number of previous applications for the Mike Traficante Scholarship.
6. Number of previous awards of the Mike Traficante Scholarship.
7. Academic achievement.
8. Extra curricular activities.
9. Applicants parental involvement in the CLCF GALS Softball League

#### **PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF THE MIKE TRAFICANTE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee shall meet as soon as possible after all applications have been received, but in no event prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. The meeting shall be called by the chairman. After due consideration of all applications, including discussion of the applicants and review of the applicants essay, a vote will be held to determine who should be awarded the scholarship. Each committee member shall cast 1 vote, and all votes shall count equally. Winner shall be by majority vote.

#### **FUNDING FOR THE MIKE TRAFICANTE SCHOLARSHIP**

Funding for *The Mike Traficante Scholarship* will be from a separate fundraiser to be conducted in or about the summer or fall of 2007. The proceeds of which shall go to the purchase of an annuity in the name of *The Michael Traficante Scholarship*. Thereafter, the Scholarship Committee can at any time request that additional funds from other sources such as registration be provided to increase the annuity and if desired, the amount of the scholarship awarded in future years.