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Roy G. Walters Memorial Scholarship 2011

Scholarship Information

A 1992 inductee into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, this celebrated coach, athlete, husband and father of seven was a man of many talents. Roy Walters set most of his high school's individual records in football and track. He played freshman football at the University of Iowa, then transferred to Mankato State University in Minnesota where he starred in football and track. He still holds the school records for the 100 and 220 yard dashes. In 1948, Walters was one of just four sprinters in the U.S. to run the 100 in 9.6 seconds, but was declared ineligible for the Olympic trials because he was coaching track in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Walters came to the Kalamazoo area in the early 1950s to coach football at State High, which later became University High. He coached there for 15 seasons, posting unbeaten records in 1955, 1959 and 1960. His teams were ranked number one in the Associated Press poll in Class B in both 1959 and 1960. Lending his talents to both golf and track, he coached University High to consecutive Class B state golf championships in 1963, 1964 and 1965 and turned out a succession of outstanding track and field teams. Walters left University High to become middle school principal at Comstock and later became the high school's head football coach. Upon his death in 1995, a memorial fund was established at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to provide financial support for higher education to students who have participated in athletics, as well as school and community activities, and who demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating high school senior who is a Kalamazoo County resident or is attending high school within Kalamazoo County. Must be planning to enroll in an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall. Must have been involved in athletics as well as school and community activities. Applicant must demonstrate financial need according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

How to Apply

Access the online scholarship application, eGrant, via the Community Foundation's Web site at www.kalfound.org. Click on **Scholarship Information**, then **eGrant**.

Application Requirements

The following must be submitted to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation:

- eGRANT scholarship application and cover page (automatically generated by eGRANT upon completion of the application).
- Activities and Employment History form must be filled out and attached to the eGRANT application.
- Essay, not to exceed 500 typewritten words, must be written and attached to the eGRANT application. Address why you merit consideration for this scholarship. Include how extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences and leadership roles have helped to prepare you for your choice of study. If you have overcome challenges or improved in motivation and achievement during high school and/or college, please provide this information also.

The following must be mailed or delivered to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation by March 31:

- One copy of the Scholarship Recommendation form and Letter of Recommendation completed by one of your coaches or your high school's Athletic Director.
- An official cumulative transcript through the seventh semester, including ACT/SAT scores.

The following must be sent to the college(s) of your choice by March 31:

- The Financial Information Summary Form

Award: Minimum \$600 (*Non-renewable*)

Deadline: March 31

If you have any questions, please call or write at:

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