

## Scholarship Description

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to a woman athlete graduating from Mt. Hebron who exemplifies the values held by Coach Kit.

## About Coach Kit Sfekas

The Kit Sfekas Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 in memory of Judge Kit Sfekas, who was known to many as 'Coach Kit'. Coach Sfekas instilled in many Howard County women athletes the values of teamwork, integrity, good sportsmanship, camaraderie and fun, which led to a self-confidence that many of these athletes carry with them today. Many have gone on to play sports at the college level.

Coach Kit Sfekas instilled the following character traits in those he coached:

- Takes pride in representing her school and her team(s);
- Holds a good work ethic and strives to better herself both on and off the field;
- Is a model of good sportsmanship;
- Models a healthy life style;
- Acts as mentor and leader to her friends and teammates;
- Works to establish camaraderie among students;
- Is a team player who works for the good of the team as a whole;
- By the strength of her character, brings something more than athletic ability to the team.

## Eligibility Criteria

Candidates for the **Kit Sfekas Scholarship** must:

1. Attend Mt. Hebron High School in Howard County, Maryland;
2. Be a female athlete who maintains and displays some of the character traits which Coach Kit Sfekas instilled in those he coached.
3. Plan to attend a two- or four-year college/university or trade school; and,
4. Have an unweighted 2.8 or higher cumulative grade point average through Grade 11. In addition, an unweighted grade point average of 2.8 or higher must be maintained through the first semester of Grade 12.

## Application Materials

Applications for the **Kit Sfekas Scholarship** must include:

1. A complete and signed application form;
2. A response to the following questions/statements:
  - a. Describe your educational plans,
  - b. Describe your career goals,

- c. Describe your participation in sports and the impact the experience has had on your life, and
- d. Provide examples of how the characteristics listed above are exemplified in your life;
3. One confidential personal letter of recommendation, and;
4. An unofficial high school transcript through Grade 11; and,
5. An unofficial copy of the first semester Grade 12 report card.

Students are responsible for ensuring that all components of the application are submitted by the due date.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

The Community Foundation of Howard County will evaluate all applications based on the following criteria:

1. Compliance with eligibility criteria
2. Student essay
3. Confidential letter of recommendation
4. Strength of student's transcript

### **Award Notification and Acceptance**

The Foundation will provide applicants with updates and award decisions via the online application system.

The selected applicant will receive a certificate at the schools Senior Awards Ceremony and, upon receipt by the Foundation of the required materials, the scholarship will be sent to the accredited institution.

### **Questions**

The Community Foundation of Howard County can address questions about this scholarship program.

#### **About the Community Foundation of Howard County**

Founded in 1969 as The Columbia Foundation, the Community Foundation of Howard County has awarded more than \$17 million in grants to Howard County nonprofit organizations delivering human service, arts and cultural, educational and civic programs. Money for the grant programs comes primarily from income generated by the Foundation's endowment supported by more than 300 funds established by Howard County businesses, families and individuals.