



BILL TIERNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bill Tierney Scholarship was initiated by the Tierney Family. The funds provided for this scholarship have been donated by people throughout the United States; along with money raised through various fund-raisers: a Beefsteak, Football Coaches' Clinic, Football Camp, and Golf Outing.

Bill Tierney, a 20 year old student athlete at Fordham University, passed away on October 12, 1996. Bill died on the football field prior to the start of the University's game with Lafayette College. A starting safety for the Fordham Rams, Bill was a lifelong athlete. As a youth in Lyndhurst, Bill participated in soccer, baseball, and wrestling. Bill started to play football in the 7th grade for the Queen of Peace C.Y.O. Team in North Arlington. Additionally, Bill was the ball boy for the Queen of Peace High School football team. Bill is remembered for carrying the banner with the slogan, "You Gotta Believe," into the State playoff game versus St. Joe's of Montvale in 1988.

Bill played freshman and sophomore football for St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City. Transferring to Bergen Catholic midway throughout his sophomore academic year, Bill quickly became recognized as a hard worker and friend to anyone he came in contact with. Bill started at Bergen Catholic for the State Champion Crusaders in 1992, playing a key role defensively for the team in the championship game versus Paramus Catholic at Union High School. Named Captain in his senior year, Bill's leadership qualities were a mainstay throughout Bergen's State Championship season. A starter at safety in the North South Classic played at Trenton State College, Bill chose to continue his career at Fordham University. Bill served as baseball manager in addition to helping out the men's and women's basketball teams.

Throughout Bill's life, he was a student of sports history, taking numerous trips to various Pro and College Halls of Fame. A 1993 National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete, Bill's name can be found on a plaque at Giant's Stadium, as well as in the computer directory at the National Football League Hall of Fame. Bill's numerous trips took him to Notre Dame; Camden Yards; Canton, Ohio; Cooperstown, NY; and baseball spring training in Florida.

It is the aim of the committee, that each candidate applying for this scholarship will take note of the family values, character, loyalty, leadership, and friendly style that epitomized Bill Tierney. We would hope that each candidate, has and would continue to emulate these tremendous qualities as a tribute to the man. Bill's dream of playing college football will live on forever. He will always be 20 years old running down a football field in the sun.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded yearly to a senior student athlete at various high schools based on amount of money raised.

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- 1) A Student/ Athlete who plans on continuing their athletic career in college.
- 2) High school transcripts submitted to committee.
- 3) Three letters of recommendation.
- 4) List of Community Service/ Club involvement.
- 5) Essay explaining Student/ Athlete's philosophy on role of athletics in life.

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Application form
Please type or print all information

- 1) Name _____ Age _____ Date _____
- 2) Home Address _____

- 3) Home Phone# _____
- 4) Name of High School _____
School Address _____
School Phone# _____

Guidance Counselor _____ Phone # _____
Coach _____ Phone # _____
- 4) Father's name and occupation _____
Mother's name and occupation _____
- 5) Does your family A. Own your home _____ B. Rent _____
- 6) I have made applications to the following colleges: _____

- 7) I have been accepted to the following colleges: _____

- 8) I plan to pursue the following major field: _____

- 9) I plan on playing the following sport(s) in college: _____

- 10) All school activities (including athletics): _____

- 11) All school honors and awards (including athletics): _____

- 12) After school and summer jobs held: _____

Please use additional paper, if necessary. Attach your essay explaining your philosophy on role of athletics in life.

Parent/ Guardian signature

Student-Athlete signature