

John R. Davis Memorial Scholarship

ILLINOIS TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES' ASSOCIATION

John R. Davis was the Head Boys' Track and Field Coach at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Illinois, for nearly 30 years. In that time countless student-athletes were touched by his enormous love for the sport of Track and Field. John served ITCCCA and USATF in its early developmental stages and beyond in numerous capacities, such as coach, official, spokesperson, and even as a representative during the Olympic Games. He was inducted into the ITCCCA Hall of Fame in 1987 and, most recently, the USATF Officials' Hall of Fame in 2008. John was probably the single most enthusiastic promoter of Track and Field, and with his passing Track and Field lost someone truly special.

The *Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches' Association* proudly sponsors the John R. Davis Memorial Scholarship to commemorate the life of an amazing individual and to assist local student-athletes of Cross Country and Track and Field with their college expenditures.

The *Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches' Association* was founded in 1962 and formed with several goals in mind: to promote interest, enthusiasm, and improvement in Track and Field and Cross Country in Northern Illinois; to provide education and opportunities for involvement in our association by methodology; to promote, publicize, and recognize the achievements of area coaches; to provide a vocal representation of our area student-athletes and coaches regarding rule implementation and modification; and to work with and support the *Illinois High School Association*.

WHO CAN APPLY AND WHAT ARE THE EVALUATION CRITERIA?

Senior athletes participating in an Illinois high school Track and Field and / or Cross Country program *and* planning on attending college are eligible for the non-renewable ITCCCA scholarship of \$500. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic, athletic, and non-athletic achievements, as well as an original essay composed by the applicant. Applicants will additionally need to submit a letter of recommendation and an official high school transcript.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

Step 1: On a separate sheet of paper and in a typed format, please offer your:

- Full name (please, no nicknames)
- Complete home address
- Home telephone number
- High school
- High school's complete address
- Cross Country and / or Track and Field coach's name
- College(s) of choice
- Intended major

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Step 2: In a detailed fashion, describe your five (5) greatest athletic achievements while participating in high school Cross Country and / or Track and Field.

Step 3: In an equally detailed fashion, describe your five (5) greatest non-athletic achievements during your high school tenure.

Step 4: Submit a letter of recommendation as provided by your high school Cross Country and / or Track and Field coach in which he / she explains your qualifications as a student-athlete and why you would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

Step 5: Submit an official high school transcript as provided by your high school's registrar or guidance counselor.

Step 6: Compose a thoughtful and well-written essay of no more than 500 words in which you consider the following prompt:

“What has Cross Country and / or Track and Field meant to me?”

WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Any and all questions regarding this scholarship should be directed to the John R. Davis Scholarship Director. James G. Janota can be reached in the English Department at Neuqua Valley High School at (630) 428-6387 or via email at james_janota@ipspd.org.

BY WHEN AND TO WHOM IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

All applications must be received by March 31, 2009! Any application received after the due date, regardless of postmark, will not be considered for the scholarship. A committee of ITCCA members will evaluate the applications, and the winner will be contacted by no later than May 15, 2009.

All applications should be submitted to the following:

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