

Bishop Leibold Athletic Association
Annual Scholar/Athlete Award
Known as
Pope John Paul II Character Award

MISSION: As a community of Catholics, for over a quarter of a century, one of the missions of the Bishop Leibold Athletic Association is to facilitate the Pope John Paul II Character Award. We continue to financially assist Bishop Leibold School, Our Lady of Good Hope CCD, and St. Henry PSR student-athletes, of high character, in continuing their education at a Catholic high school. The award must be used at a Catholic high school.

HISTORY: Since this scholarship's inception over 26 years ago, more than 630 student-athletes have applied for this scholarship. Awards of over \$54,000 have been granted to more than 79 student-athletes. This award continues to help students continue their Catholic education in a Dayton Area Catholic high school.

FUNDING: The award became independently funded through the Bishop Leibold Athletic Association in 2007. The independent funding does not affect other Bishop Leibold School Awards that are awarded. This results in the Pope John Paul II Character Award being an unassociated award from the school.

TIMETABLE: Applications, forms, and instructions will be available on or around **April 10, 2018, and are due back no later than Friday, April 27, 2018.** Interviews and evaluations are performed over the following weeks in May and recipients are announced at the annual Bishop Leibold Athletic Association Awards ceremony in May.

CRITERIA: 8th-grade student-athletes will be evaluated on the following criteria: personal interview; academics; character essay; BLAA sports participation; other activities; teacher recommendations; and coach recommendations.

ELIGIBILITY: THIS AWARD IS FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY. STUDENTS MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AN 8TH GRADE BLAA SPORTS PROGRAM AS A BLS, OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE CCD, OR ST. HENRY PSR STUDENT ATHLETE.

FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DISTRIBUTION: The total financial award will equal \$2,000 with one boy earning a \$1,000 award and one girl earning a \$1,000 award that must be used toward their freshman year of education at a Dayton Area Catholic high school. If the winner does not go to a Dayton Area Catholic high school, then the runner-up will be granted the monetary sum and be granted the Pope John Paul II Character Award winner for that year.

BISHOP LEIBOLD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD

Dear Student Applicant,

We are pleased to provide this letter of introduction, for all eighth-grade students and their parents, to the Bishop Leibold Athletic Association's POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD selection process. This letter will explain what the student applicant must do to be considered for the award. This is not an athletic scholarship. It is awarded by the Athletic Association and not necessarily to the best athlete. Adults who do not know the students or their families will assess the student applicant. They will be judged solely on the merits of their application information (including application, essay, and evaluations) and their interviews.

The award will provide financial assistance to each of two students, one male and one female, who have participated in the Bishop Leibold Athletic sports programs sometime during their eighth-grade year. Any current eighth-grade student at Bishop Leibold School or the PSR/CCD programs at St. Henry or Our Lady of Good Hope church is eligible. This financial assistance, in the amount of \$1,000, will be applied towards the tuition costs for the freshman year at a Dayton Area Catholic high school.

POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD application packets will be available by Monday, April 9, 2018, on the Bishop Leibold School website www.bishopleibold.org (under the "Current Parents" link). Packets include a letter to the student applicant, a letter to the parents, the award application form, the coach's evaluation form, and the teacher's evaluation forms.

The student applicant must distribute the teacher and coach evaluation forms to the teacher and BLS coach of their choice. The teacher and coach must complete the form and return the completed form in a sealed envelope, clearly identifying the contents, to the BLS East Campus Office NO LATER THAN Friday, May 4, 2018– NO EXCEPTIONS. The student is not to see these evaluations. The teacher will supply validated grade averages. It is the student's responsibility to check and make sure that everything has been submitted before the noted deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED!

The applicants will be required to appear before the Award Selection Committee for a personal interview on approximately Wednesday, May 23, 2018, (tentative date) at the BLS East Campus. Questions asked in the personal interview will further define a particular topic from the essay or application. Common questions are asked of all candidates to provide a single point of reference to judge their reasoning, poise, and quick thinking. The finalists will be notified of their interview times.

STUDENT APPLICANTS WILL BE JUDGED SOLELY ON THE APPLICATION, ESSAY, EVALUATIONS, AND INTERVIEW. SPELLING ERRORS, EVENT SEQUENCING, AND GRAMMAR, AS WELL AS, APPLICATION COMPLETENESS AND NEATNESS ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Good luck to each student applicant!

Jason Eckert
Pope John Paul II Character Award Director

Due **Friday, April 27, 2018** (3PM Deadline) to BLS East Campus
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

9. LIST YOUR HOBBIES: _____

10. BRIEFLY DISCUSS YOUR OTHER ACTIVITIES (include academic clubs, boy/girl scouts, social clubs, service clubs, club sports, volunteer service, etc.):

11. HAVE YOU WON ANY AWARDS? (List Them):

12. ON AN ATTACHED SHEET, PLEASE WRITE A SHORT ESSAY EXPLAINING:

A. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF: Your qualifications for this scholarship, what makes you unique, your community/school service, describe your character qualifications. What have you gained from participation in other activities (i.e. academic clubs, boy/girls scouts? social clubs, service clubs, club sports, volunteering, etc.) and how have these activities promoted your character.

B. WHAT YOUR FUTURE GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS MIGHT BE.

13. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

14. SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____

15. DATE: _____

16. REQUEST COMPLETION OF EVALUATION FORM FROM ONE OF YOUR COACHES.
REQUEST COMPLETION OF EVALUATION FORM FROM ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS.
(These forms MUST be submitted to the coach and teacher by Monday March 30th, to allow time for the coach/teacher to respond. It is your responsibility to verify that the appropriate forms have been received in a timely manner.)

Please return your application to: Bishop Leibold East Campus Office
Attn: Pope John Paul II Character Award Director

POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD

Teacher Evaluation List

(Please list three teachers that may potentially evaluate you.)

Only one of these teachers will have the opportunity to provide the evaluation.

(Please submit this list and the teacher evaluation sheet to the East Campus Office)

Deadline to submit to the East Campus Office is **Friday May 4, 2018**

ALL TEACHERS MUST BE AN EAST CAMPUS BLS TEACHER

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**Give This Form And The Teacher Evaluation List To
the East Campus Office by **Friday April 27, 2018**
Completed forms are due **Friday May 4, 2018** To The BLS East Campus Office
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS**

**POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD - CANDIDATE EVALUATION FORM
TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT EVALUATION
Responses from Bishop Leibold East Campus Teachers Will Only Be Accepted.
(Please return to the East Campus Office, NOT the student)**

Name of Student: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

CATEGORY	EVAL. @ 1-5	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
Attitude		
Cooperation w/ Other Students		
Cooperation w/ Teachers		
Leadership		
Classroom Effort		
Willingness To Help Others		
Christian Attitude		
Overall Comments		

@ 5 is the highest

Please provide the NUMERICAL GRADE AVERAGES through the 3rd quarter for this student:

Math _____ Science _____ Soc. Stud. _____
 English _____ Reading _____ Spelling _____
 Religion _____ Language _____ Spanish _____ Other _____

Give to Coach of your choice
Due Friday April 27th, 2018 (3PM Deadline) To The BLS East Campus Office
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

POPE JOHN PAUL II CHARACTER AWARD - CANDIDATE EVALUATION FORM
 COACH ASSESSMENT EVALUATION (Must Be A BLS Coach)
 Select or Club Coach Evaluations Will Not Be Considered or Accepted
 (Please return to the East Campus Office, NOT the student)

Name of Student: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Sport (s): _____ When: _____

Organization: _____

CATEGORY	EVAL. @ 1-5	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
Attendance / Punctuality		
Attitude		
Team Effort		
Individual Effort		
Use of Ability		
Sportsmanship		
Christian Attitude		
Overall Comments		

@ 5 is the highest Typed evaluations on another page are accepted with this format.