

Minnesota State High School Soccer Coaches' Association

Mike Warter Memorial Senior Award

Two \$1000.00 Awards will be given to graduating seniors. These awards are given in honor of Mike Warter, head coach of the Eagan Girls' Soccer team, who died in 2000. One award will be for a boy and one for a girl. These awards will be a one-time, non-renewable award.

The recipients of these awards will be announced prior to graduation. The recipients of the awards will be acknowledged at the all-tournament banquet the following season. A mention of the award program, using the names of the recipients of the awards in past years may be made.

Criteria for Application

1. Applicants must be seniors in good standing academically. (Top 25% of their class)
2. Applicants must indicate a strong interest to play soccer in college. Participation at an established interscholastic level is not required.
3. Applicants can not have accepted an athletic scholarship from their college of matriculation.
4. Applicants must demonstrate solid citizenship, evidence a contribution to the soccer community at large, and must have participated at the varsity level in their high school.
5. Applicants must secure 2 letters of recommendation: one from an eleventh or twelfth grade teacher, and one from a member of the applicant's community. **Neither of these should be from the applicant's soccer coach.**
6. There will be no limit to the number of applicants from a school.

The Application

1. Must be completed and given to your COACH by **December 7th**.
2. Coach must submit to Selection committee by **December 17th**.

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Mike Warter Memorial Senior Award Application

Name _____ Boy Girl

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

High School _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

Coach's Name _____

Soccer Playing Experience:

Special Soccer Achievements:

Community Involvement (soccer):

Community Involvement (non-soccer):

List schools you have applied to/been accepted by:

References (list two and have each write a one-page letter of recommendation to include with this application)

11th or 12th grade teacher _____

Member of your community _____

Please write responses to each of the following questions. You should attach your responses to the application. Please limit your response to each question to no more than 1/2 page, typed, and single-spaced.

1. How has soccer been important in your life?

2. What has participation in soccer taught you that you think will be of benefit as you move ahead to college?:

3. How do you see yourself involved in soccer after college?

4. Give a brief description of your plans for a course of study in college. What has interested you in that field?

5. Are there any special circumstances that you would like to bring to the attention of the scholarship selection committee?

Please Note:

This Senior Award is granted according to NCAA rules of eligibility. Once the recipients are determined, they will notify the MSHSSCA treasurer of their college/university choice. The MSHSSCA will then send the award directly to the institution in the recipient's name. This must be done before the actual date of enrollment at the institution, according to NCAA rules. [NOTE: Accepting the MSHSSCA award may change the financial aid package that a college or university has designated. Some institutions may subtract the amount of outside scholarships and awards from the school-supported financial aid program. This would not affect the total amount of aid; however, part of the previously designated aid would now be credited from the MSHSSCA]

I certify that the information given above is accurate as of the date of this application. I understand that in the event that there is a change in my eligibility for this award. (For example, an athletic scholarship is granted to you), I will immediately notify the MSHSSCA. I understand that the selection committee's decision on the award is final and not subject to appeal.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Coaches' Instructions

MSHSSCA Mike Warter Memorial Senior Award

Please see that any interested senior receives a copy of the application. (Application is also available on the MSHSSCA website.)

Please check the application to see that all parts are completed before submitting the entire application to the selection committee.

To the best of your ability, please verify the information contained in the application.

If you choose, you may include a brief comment on the applicant. Please do that on a separate page and attach it to the application.

Mail the completed application packet (application, player's responses, and recommendations) to:

MSHSSCA Senior Award
c/o Art Seplak
10077 Upton Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55431

Applications must be postmarked or delivered by December 17th.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Selection Process

A Selection Committee will review the applications and select one boy and one girl winner and alternates, should there be a change in the winning candidate's eligibility (i.e. accepting an athletic scholarship offer after applying for the Warter Award). The selection committee will consider the entire application determining the finalists. No one section of the application is more important than any other. (For example: the best on-the-field player does not have an advantage over a player who was a reserve player.) The Selection Committee choices will be brought to the MSHSSCA Executive Board no later than its March meeting. Once the Board accepts the recommendations, the recipients will be contacted, and those who applied and were not selected will be notified. This generally happens right after Spring Break in the first or second week of April.