

**2019-2020 EDWARD A. STRALL
BETHEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Edward A. Strall Bethel Park High School Varsity Baseball Scholarship is established to provide financial assistance to Bethel Park High School graduating seniors who have won at least one varsity baseball letter, and who seek to continue their baseball and academic careers at an accredited two or four year college. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to an individual who, in the judgment of the Scholarship Committee, meets the eligibility criteria, and who has also demonstrated sound academic achievement during high school.

The Scholarship is named after, and is in memory of, Mr. Edward A. Strall, Bethel Park's first baseball coach, who also served as principal of the high school from 1967 to 1976. Its establishment is intended not only to honor Mr. Strall, but to recognize the many coaches, players and others who have contributed to the excellence of the Bethel Park High School baseball program.

The Scholarship will be funded through the Bethel Park Community Foundation by an endowment initiated by Jim Brill (BPHS class of 1950), and Rich Lepkowski (BPHS class of 1951), and supplemented by gifts to the endowment from other donors who share the fund's objectives and wish to honor Mr. Strall.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Edward A. Strall Bethel Park High School Varsity Baseball Scholarship, a student must:

- Have been a member of the Bethel Park High School varsity baseball team for at least two seasons (or if a transfer student, have been a member of the varsity baseball team at his previous high school); have been awarded at least one varsity baseball letter at BPHS;
- Anticipate graduation during the current school year;
- Have maintained an overall QPA of at least 3.0;
- Be accepted or anticipate being accepted to an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning, which is a member of, or whose baseball program is sanctioned by, the NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA;
- Anticipate being a member of its varsity baseball team during his first year of attendance at that institution; and
- Complete an application and an evaluation form (to be completed in part by the Bethel Park High School head baseball coach), to be submitted to The Bethel Park High School Records Office no later than **April 19, 2020**.
- A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded for the **first year** of post-secondary education.
- Eligibility is restricted to those students in the current graduating class of BPHS.
- All information provided on the application form must be typed or printed in black or blue ink and must be clear and legible.
- The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient (subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of Bethel Park Community Foundation, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld). No member of the Scholarship Committee, Trustee or Advisory Board member of the Foundation, or his or her immediate family, shall be eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Committee or Foundation. The Scholarship Committee retains the right to withhold scholarship grants in any year if no candidate is determined to be qualified.
- The Bethel Park Community Foundation will notify the chosen recipient of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made after receipt by the Scholarship Committee of a certification in writing that the recipient has earned a varsity baseball roster spot at the school at which he was accepted. A check in the amount of the awarded scholarship will be made payable jointly to the awardee and the school.