

**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 600 student athletes have applied for this scholarship. Awards of over \$40,000 have been granted to more than 75 student athletes. This award continues to help students continue their Catholic education in a 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 March 1st and are due back no later than May 1st. 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 sport participation; other activities; teacher recommendations; and coach recommendations. See attachment "A" for detailed criteria.

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.