

# Bill Benzing Memorial Scholarship

Presented by the Western Connecticut Umpires Association.

The Western Connection Umpires Association has Awarded a scholarship in its name for almost a decade... moving forward that will be forever changed. In December of 2008 the Association lost a long time umpire and a dear friend. Bill Benzing, a 27 year veteran umpire passed away at the young age of 54. Bill was admired by all who knew him. He contributed much to the organization over the years and even more to the community Bill called home ... Bethel, CT.

As an educator in the Bethel school system for 35 years Bill taught much more than Math at the Bethel Middle School, he taught the lessons of life. Just as Bill was a leader on the baseball field while he was calling "balls and strikes" he was a leader in the class room as well. Bill did not stop when the final bell rang to dismiss the children. Bill's day had only just begun.

Bill served as an advisor to many of the Middle School's clubs. He founded the ever popular Ski Club and continued to teach outside the class room by serving as a freshman football coach and a girls' basketball coach.

Bill's legacy is one of sportsmanship, evident still in his family, his community and our organization. It is with much pride and a heavy heart that we add his name to this scholarship. It is our hope that each year's winner will serve his family, friends and community.....the same as our mentor-Bill Benzing.

## Western Connecticut Umpires Association Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(GPA and Rank must be filled in by a guidance counselor)

Signature of Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

(If you require more space for your answers, please use a separate sheet)

1. Briefly describe your post-secondary education plans.
2. List and describe your extra-curricular activities, hobbies, interests, etc.
3. Describe why you believe you are deserving of this award.
4. Attach one letter of recommendation from your varsity baseball coach.
5. Please answer the following question in essay format of at least 250 words. What has the game of baseball done to help you learn and prepare for future endeavors in life?

This application must be included with any supporting collateral and your essay either type written - double spaced, or legibly hand written for consideration

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

## WCUA BILL BENZING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To insure proper handling of this application, the following steps must be followed:

1. To insure authenticity, it is required that the coach's recommendation be printed on school stationery and properly signed.
2. The guidance counselor should sign each document or attach a brief statement that he/she has supervised the submission. It should then be sealed by the guidance counselor as the last step in the process.
3. Mail all applications to:  
Jeff Earle  
2 Mountainview Terrace, Unit 2134  
Danbury, CT 06810
4. The application and supporting documents must be postmarked by 5/01/2017

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