

DEADLINE April 28

DON FITZGERALD BASEBALL & SOFTBALL AWARD

An athletic achievement award of \$1,000 will be presented to one senior softball player and one senior baseball player from Wicomico County Public Schools who exhibits the following qualities:

- A. Outstanding school and community involvement
- B. Enthusiasm for self-development
- C. Good sportsmanship and leadership while participating in high school varsity softball or baseball
- D. Development of optimism as a philosophy of life
- E. Above average scholastic achievement
- F. Respect and consideration for others

The award shall be made under the following specific conditions:

1. Each candidate must submit a completed application including the required essay.
2. Applicants must include a copy of their transcripts with the completed application.
3. The award shall be paid directly to the student and shall be used for payment of normal school expenses such as tuition, school fees, room, board or books.
4. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative weighted high school grade point average of 3.25 through the first semester of the senior year.
5. Applicant must have participated in high school baseball or softball at the varsity level for a minimum of two years.
6. Application must include a completed recommendation form from a member of the high school baseball or softball coaching staff, or athletic director, who can attest to the applicant's ability to follow coaches' instructions, attendance and punctuality to practice, willingness to voluntarily keep training, general all around conduct on and off the field, in the class and community and the ability to work in harmony with teammates while displaying a sense of optimism and fair play. Only applicants who have a completed recommendation form on file with the Fitzgerald Award Committee will be considered.
7. Applicant must be active in community and school activities.
8. Participation in a youth baseball or softball team will be considered but is not a requirement.
9. Only graduating seniors who reside in Wicomico County and attend Wicomico, Parkside, Bennett or Mardela High School are eligible to apply.
10. Final selection of this scholarship award will be made by the Optimist Club of Salisbury scholarship committee which is appointed by the Optimist Club President.
11. The Don Fitzgerald Baseball & Softball Award will be presented at the senior awards program.

- On a separate sheet of paper, list high school and community activities, years of participation, leadership positions held and any awards or honors you have received. A current resume may be attached if all information is included.
- Please include any other information you want the scholarship committee to know about you that is not on your resume including your work history, hobbies and interests.
- Each student must include a copy of their transcripts obtained from the school's guidance counselor.
- **Each student must write a two page, double spaced essay on the following topic:**

What personal/life values can you attribute to your experiences with softball/baseball and how do you think they will impact your life in the future?

STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- _____ Completed Don Fitzgerald Baseball & Softball Award Application
- _____ Completed essay
- _____ Completed Recommendation Form by a member of coaching staff or athletic director
- _____ Copy of transcripts attached

All applications will be picked up from the school guidance office on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Check with the guidance office to determine your school's deadline.

DON FITZGERALD BASEBALL & SOFTBALL AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM

Participation in team sports teach students teamwork, work ethic, respect for self and others and help to develop a positive mental attitude that will help these young men and women become successful members in their communities.

Applicants of this award must be active in the community and school activities, should display good sportsmanship, leadership qualities, enthusiasm for self-development, respect and consideration for others, and have above average scholastic achievements.

Each applicant must have a minimum cumulative weighted high school GPA of 3.25 and have participated in high school baseball or softball at the varsity level for a minimum of two years.

Completed recommendation forms must be submitted with each students application form.

To be completed by a member of the coaching staff or athletic director:

Name of coach: _____

School: _____

Name of student athlete recommended: _____

How many years have you coached this individual? _____

How many years has the student athlete played on the: JV team _____ Varsity team _____

Does the student:

- Regularly attend practice? Is he/she punctual? _____

- Voluntarily train in the offseason? If yes, list or describe activities:

- Play other sports at the school? If so, which sports? _____

- Volunteer in the community? If yes, please list or describe activities:

- Participate in non-athletic groups at the school? (SGA, clubs, etc.) If yes, please list or describe activities:

- Have a part time or summer job? If yes, please list or describe activities:

In a few sentences please describe what qualities the student exhibits to display a positive mental attitude both on and off the field?

Why have you recommended this player for the Don Fitzgerald Baseball/Softball Award?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application – and thank you for all that you do for our community.