CLEVELAND TOUCHDOWN CLUB CHARITIES
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities is pleased to begin accepting applications for this year's CTCC Memorial Scholarships. This year we will be granting five scholarships, each in honor of Morrie Kono, John Peyton, Billy Reynolds, Dick Zunt and a special scholarship offering this year in the name of Gene Hickerson, made possible by his family.

- **Morrie Kono** started with the Cleveland Browns in 1946; he was the team's equipment manager from 1948-74, before moving into the role of a consultant until 1979. Known for his stories and ability to keep the locker room loose, he was an integral part of the day-to-day operations of the team for over 30 years.

- In high school, **John Peyton** did not play any team sports; however, he demonstrated his spirit and desire to help by acting as the manager of many of his high school's teams. Peyton was a two-time past President of CTCC and passed away in 2000.

- **Billy Reynolds** was a former President of CTCC, who made the club an active civic sports organization in the Greater Cleveland area and who dedicated his life to youth and athletics. A halfback for the Cleveland Browns from 1953-57, he made Cleveland his home after retirement until his passing in 2003.

- **Dick Zunt** was actively involved with CTCC. He was a long-time reporter for the Plain Dealer for over 43 years covering the local high school sports community. He passed away in 2010.

- **Gene Hickerson** played for the Cleveland Browns from 1958-73 as an offensive guard. He was known as the "messenger" guard and established himself as the lead blocker for three future Hall of Fame running backs, Jim Brown, Leroy Kelly, and Bobby Mitchell. He passed away in 2008. *(Special scholarship offering for 2026)*

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior and show both need and merit to be considered for a scholarship. In addition, the applicant must have participated in their high school athletic team programs in a non-athletic manner (i.e. team manager, statistician, photographer/videographer, sportswriter, team booster, etc.).

Five $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants. Those selected may choose the accredited college or university of their choice, with the Charities' approval. The scholarships will be awarded for the 2026-27 academic year, with classes beginning on or around August 2026.

All applicants who wish to make an application for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a senior attending high school in the Northeast Ohio area, expecting to graduate in spring 2026.
2. Must show merit, need, and a strong ambition to succeed in college.
3. Must correctly complete the enclosed form that allows the applicant to be considered for a scholarship.
    - Type or print clearly and use a contact email that will follow you to college.
    - Include two (2) letters of recommendation, excluding relatives.
    - Include high school transcripts.
    - Include the short essay and be sure to sign and date the application.
4. The recipients of the scholarship awards will be asked to accept their scholarship at the Annual Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities Gene Hickerson Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina, OH.
5. **Return the above information no later than Friday, May 8, 2026.**
6. The completed application and all required materials must be emailed to ctcc1938@gmail.com or sent by US mail to **CTCC Memorial Scholarships, P.O. Box 81103, Cleveland, OH 44181**
7. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email Cleveland Touchdown Club Charities at ctcc1938@gmail.com. Thank you.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

NON-ATHELTIC PARTICIPATION–MANDATORY (e.g. Team Manager, Statistician, Yearbook, etc.)

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COLLEGE YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING: _____

EXPECTED DATE OF COLLEGE GRADUATION: _____

EXPECTED MAJOR _____

NAME(S) AND AGE(S) OF SIBLINGS AND THE SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE THEY ARE ATTENDING (PLEASE ONLY LIST THOSE SIBLINGS UNDER THE AGE OF 23):

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION ***(REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION)***

PARENT(S) GROSS INCOME AS STATED ON THEIR 2024 W-2 FORMS:
FATHER: $_____ MOTHER: $_____ COMBINED: $_____

INCOME FROM CHILD SUPPORT AND/OR ALIMONY: $_____

IF INCOME IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

OTHER

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND WHAT MADE IT SO SPECIAL FOR YOU PERSONALLY. (WRITE BELOW OR USE SEPARATE SHEET, LIMIT TO ONE-TYPED PAGE OR APPROX. 500 WORDS)