

2020 BIDDLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
PRESENTED BY
THE ROTARY CLUB OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

In memory of father and son, Troy and Baden Biddle, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the Biddle Memorial Scholarship, will award college scholarships of up to \$5,000 to *graduating seniors* living and/or attending school on Bainbridge Island who *have made a particular contribution to an athletic/sports team(s), club(s), or organization(s) in the form of leadership, mentorship, sportsmanship, and/or ambassadorship.* Financial need is not a consideration. Besides a minimum GPA, academic record is not a consideration.

Troy Biddle had a strong work ethic and sense of commitment to whatever he did. He believed players on a team were representatives of their community and, in light of that, should act with humility and the utmost respect for their opponents. He imparted on kids he coached that being part of a team means making a commitment to your teammates, your coaches, and yourself. Troy encouraged fierce competition, but ultimately believed sports and being part of a team were about working hard, having fun, stretching beyond your comfort zone, and learning and growing from experience. In Troy's eyes, participating in sports meant learning grit, problem solving skills, and leadership skills, all of which arm athletes to go out into the world and add value to the community.

Baden Biddle loved sports and was proud of being a good teammate. Baden cared deeply about his teams and contributed to them in myriad ways. His friends and teammates knew him as someone who always showed up ready to play, led by example, focused on the team, rather than individual glory, understood that supporting roles were as important as starring roles, and always liked to have fun.

Who is eligible: High school seniors graduating in the spring, who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and who live and/or attend school on Bainbridge Island, and are planning to attend college.

Application requirements: To be considered for the scholarships, *all* of the following must be *received* by the application deadline.

- Completed Biddle Memorial Scholarship Application.
- Two letters of recommendation from coaches, managers, teammates or other community members familiar with your relevant qualifications.
- Unofficial copy of your most recent high school transcript.
- [Optional] Supporting documents, such as certificates, letters of merit, awards, etc.

All the documents listed above, with the exception of letters of recommendation which may be either included or sent directly depending on the preference of the recommenders, must be included with the application and transmitted together (preferably in a single PDF) via email to anne.k.lesage@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: Completed applications must be received by Rotary on or before 5pm on March 9, 2020. APPLICATIONS INCOMPLETE AFTER MARCH 9, 2020 AT 5PM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Interviews: Finalists will be notified and scheduled for a 30-minute interview. Finalists will be notified on or about April 3, 2020. Interviews will take place April 18, 2020. (Because of tight timelines and the need to schedule multiple interviews, alternate interview dates are NOT available.)

For more information:

- Our website is bainbridgeislandrotary.org
- Send email inquiries to either
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IV. ESSAY TOPICS

Please respond in 300 words or less to each of the questions below: (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED)

1. With specific examples, describe how you have made a positive and lasting contribution to your team or sport of choice.
2. Describe a time when you failed to meet your athletic goals and how you handled it. Include what you learned as a result of the failure and how the experience changed how you handled other challenges in athletics or elsewhere.
3. Describe a specific example where you helped resolve a conflict **OR**
Describe a specific example where your leadership skills helped you reach a goal.
4. Describe how your participation in sports has impacted your life outside of sports.
5. Describe a sports related memory that brings a smile to your face.

I attest that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If it is found not to be true, I will be ineligible to receive a Bainbridge Island Rotary Scholarship.

Applicant Signature