

IRVING O'LEARY SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Mattawan Lions Club

Due Date: The Third Friday of March by 3:00 pm.

Send to: mattawanlionsclub@yahoo.com or
Mattawan Lions Club, PO Box 62, Mattawan, MI 49071

In Memory of Irving O'Leary (1951-2002)

Description: While attending Coloma High School, Irving O'Leary was a member of the National Honor Society, recipient of the Green and Gold Award for good citizenship, and an Eagle Scout. He was class president both his sophomore and junior year. His senior year, he was president of the student council. Additionally, he played on the basketball, football, and golf teams. He attained a bachelor's degree at Western Michigan University and a master's of science degree at the University of Detroit. He worked in cancer research at the Michigan Cancer Foundation and was an analytical chemist for Revlon Pharmaceuticals in New York before becoming a Senior Analytical Chemist for the Pharmacia Corporation.

After moving to Mattawan in 1988, Irving was an active part of our community. He participated in the American Chemical Society's program to bring science to the elementary classroom. He enjoyed coaching and refereeing both boys' and girls' teams for the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Red Arrow Soccer League, in addition to being a vital member of the Mattawan Lions Club.

As a tribute to Irv's devotion to his family, to the scientific world, and to our community, the Mattawan Lions Club is proud to sponsor the "Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship.

Purpose: The Mattawan Lions Club established the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship to encourage the interest of high school students in "natural science," (biology, physics, chemistry, etc.) to reward their achievements both in and outside of the classroom, and to encourage them to pursue careers in science (biologist, chemist, geologist, nurse, etc.).

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicants must be seniors attending Mattawan High School.
2. Upon graduation, applicants must have completed at least six (6) semesters of science courses with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. In addition, applicants are required to have at least a 2.0 overall grade point average.
3. Applicants must provide the Mattawan Lions Club with a copy of the acceptance letter from the vocational school, college, or university of their choice. Except in very unusual circumstances, the scholarship will be given to an alternate if the recipient fails to attend school in the fall term of the year the scholarship is awarded.
4. Applicants must submit this application form, the acceptance letter, high school transcript, essay, and at least two (2) recommendation letters. Application packages can be sent via email or letter to the addresses listed above, or handed into the Mattawan High School Guidance Office. One letter of recommendation from a science teacher and one letter from an extra-curricular advisor or community service source (minister, scout leader, coach, youth group advisor, etc.). The letters must indicate the applicant's general characteristics and potential for success. (Relatives are excluded.)
5. The Mattawan Lions Club President will appoint a selection committee of at least three (3) members. The decisions of the selection committee will be final.
6. The scholarship award will be for a one-time amount as determined by the Mattawan Lions Club Executive Board (normally \$1,000.00) and will be paid to the recipient. To receive the award, a recipient must provide the Mattawan Lions Club with a paid receipt related to school enrollment.
7. Eligibility for the Irving O'Leary Scholarship is not contingent upon being a member of or being related to a member of the Mattawan Lions Club or Lions International.

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You may recreate this Cover Sheet form to type your responses, however, be sure to print the Sign Off sheet and attach it to your cover sheet.

BE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS BLANKED OUT ON ANY OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, ACCEPTANCE LETTER, ETC. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS A "BLIND" REVIEW.

Last 4-Digits of Social Security #:

Post-secondary academic interests:

Extracurricular and co-curricular activities (include volunteerism such as church, scouts, sports, etc.):

Community service activities (if any):

List any supplementary information, including any awards or honors both in and out of school:

School that you plan to attend:

Attach a (size 12 font) one-page essay on the following topic: "The events and people who have influenced you to pursue a study in the field of natural science?" (One page total)

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation indicating your general characteristics and potential for success. One letter of recommendation must be from a science teacher and one letter must be from an extra-curricular advisor or community service source (minister, scout leader, coach, youth group advisor, etc.). Relatives are excluded.

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BE SURE TO PRINT, SIGN, AND ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR COVER SHEET.

THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE YOUR NAME SHOULD APPEAR.

Note: The following statement must be signed by the applicant:

I hereby indicate my understanding that the decision of the trustees of the Irving O'Leary Scholarship for the selection of scholarship winners is final and binding on all applicants. I understand that the Mattawan Lions club reserves the right at any time and without giving reason to terminate, cancel, or end the program provided that the scholarships already granted and/or announced shall be paid.

I agree that should I become a successful candidate for the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship, I shall comply with all the guidelines set by the trustees for such scholarship. Furthermore, I agree to provide the Mattawan Lions Club with a paid receipt related to school enrollment prior to receiving the award.

Name of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Last 4 digits of Applicant's Social Security Number:

Applicant's Address:

Applicant's Phone Number:

Note: If the applicant is under the age of 18, the following statement must be signed by a parent/guardian of the applicant:

I have reviewed the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship Guidelines and Application materials. I consent to my child's application, and to the release of information to the Mattawan Lions Club. It is understood by all parties said information will only be used in regard to consideration for the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

The Mattawan Lions Club Executive Board retains the right to modify these scholarship guidelines, including the right to discontinue new scholarships. The Mattawan Lions Club is proud to offer the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship to the seniors of Mattawan High School. The funding of this program is made possible with the support of the Mattawan community through the generous donations to the Mattawan Lions scholarship fund, and the many hours of volunteer efforts of the Mattawan Lions. We thank all the applicants for their interest in the Irving O'Leary Science Scholarship and extend our "best wishes" for a successful continuation of their educational goals. (Adopted May 8, 2002, Revised January 12, 2015)