



Voorhees Girls Softball Association Jennifer Porco Memorial Scholarship Application

The Voorhees Girls Softball Association is taking applications for its Jennifer Porco Memorial Scholarship. Those qualifying for the scholarship will be awarded a one-time amount of \$750. VGSA will award up to 4 scholarships each year depending on the number of qualified applications and funds available.

This scholarship is in memory of Jennifer Porco who played softball with VGSA beginning in Kindergarten and continued to play while being a member of the first VGSA travel team in 1995. Jenn was diagnosed with leukemia just before her freshman year at Eastern Regional High School. She underwent treatment and then went into remission which allowed her to go out for the EGS team. She was able to play in two pre-season high school games only before her cancer came back. Jenn was no longer afforded the opportunity to play the game she loved and passed away that August.

VGSA recognizes Jennifer Porco's dedication to the game and is honored to carry on her memory by offering these scholarship opportunities since 1999.

Established criteria for the scholarship is as follows:

- 1) **Academic performance:** The successful candidate must have a good academic record and have maintained at least a B average in High School.
- 2) **Dedication to Softball:** The successful candidate should have participated in the Voorhees Girls Softball Association league (either on a travel or intramural squad) for a minimum of five (5) years and has played softball for a High School Team for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 3) **Acceptance to a two/four-year Degree Program:** The successful candidate will have been accepted to an accredited two or four-year degree program.
- 4) **Good Character:** The successful candidate will be able to establish good character through references and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Additional criteria:

- 1) The candidate's experience with cancer patients, if any.
- 2) The meaning of receiving such a scholarship while reflecting on their experience with VGSA.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship while attending Eastern Regional High School should complete the attached application and return it to the Guidance office. If applicant does not attend EHS, please mail the application to **Voorhees Girls Softball Association, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 19, Voorhees, NJ 08043**. Deadline for the submission of the applications is April 3, 2019. All applications must be received by April 3, 2019, no exceptions.

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Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

College Attending: _____

Location: _____

Current Grade Point Average _____

High School Softball Experience: _____ Years

Voorhees Girls Softball Association Experience: _____ Years

Specific years and seasons (fall/spring) participated.* _____

*Please be accurate as all information needs to be verified.

Other sports participated in High School: _____

Extra Curricular Activities: _____

References:

Names and contact numbers of three people who can attest to applicant's character:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

On a separate page, please include your responses to the two below questions. Typed responses are preferred, however, not required.

1. List below any experience you have had visiting a cancer patient. Include the name of the patient, relationship, where you visited them and any other information you feel is relevant. We would like to hear how this experience affected you then and now.

If you have not had direct contact with a cancer patient, please share your thoughts and feelings as to how you believe you would best support someone close to you who had such a tremendous fight ahead of them for something like cancer. We would like to learn how you think this experience would affect you.

2. Reflect on your experience with VGSA and explain what receiving this scholarship would mean to you.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____