The LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in memory of William F. Oliva, an alumnus of Huntington High School Class of 1984, who died in a work-related accident on October 14, 2004. This scholarship has been coordinated by Class of 1984 Alumni in efforts to assist in the educational advancement of young men and women, and in remembrance of our friend Billy Oliva.

Huntington High School encompasses one of the best educational reputations, and its alumni are a close group who honor their own. Towards that, the Class of 1984 Alumni has established a scholarship tribute in memory of their classmate, Billy Oliva, someone who quickly established himself as a role model among his classmates, teammates and within our community. Billy was the natural athlete who everyone wanted on their team – for his determined competitiveness, natural leadership and positive attitude without any need for self-promotion. He also could recite any rules and historic stats, while debating sports with the best of them!

Billy’s athletic skills and sportsmanship on the field extended beyond physical achievements and transcended into his personal life. Billy was so generous and always willing to sacrifice his own personal needs for the greater good of his community - or for anyone Billy felt less fortunate. Total strangers were recipients of Billy’s kind deeds, and quite often prompted new friendships because he was so easy to like and he just loved people. Through his charitable acts of kindness, offering his creative skills, helping people who didn’t have loved ones to support them and daily efforts to volunteer his time to give back to his community, Billy always put others before himself. He has been characterized as “The Father-like Fixer” because he was the first to be by one’s side to offer his hand and heart in support. Billy also possessed great humor and a wonderful smile that could light up a room! Whether in school, sports, his devotion to his family, friends or life in general, it was never about keeping score for Billy. He didn’t help others for special recognition or merits; Billy did it out of the kindness of his soul, he cared about everyone and he truly made a positive difference in our society.

This scholarship should be awarded to a worthy college-bound Senior of Huntington High School who embodies a dedication to overall academics, athletic skills and sportsmanship, serves as a source of encouragement to classmates, exhibits strong character and demonstrates a commitment to the overall good of his/her community. Billy Oliva believed positive deeds began with him so it is with hopes that the recipient of this scholarship also possesses this belief and understands the value of daily acts of kindness in the spirit and memory of Billy Oliva…our former classmate and friend, to one and all.
VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The **LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Memorial Scholarship Fund** amount awarded each year will vary depending on donations received during the year and/or any proceeds from benefit events hosted in memory of Billy Oliva, with a minimum of $500 awarded to the scholarship recipient selected each year. This scholarship is not renewable for a recipient in future years. It is with hopes it can be awarded to a current Senior of HHS each year.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

A. EDUCATION
   1. Applicant must be a current senior graduating with his/her class
   2. Student must have attended Huntington High School for at least two (2) years
   3. The scholarship recipient must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
   4. A realistic future plan for their education must be described in the application
   5. Must have a good attendance record

B. ATHLETIC SKILLS & SPORTSMANSHIP
   1. Must have participated in a varsity athletic program while attending Huntington High School
   2. Priority will be given to top performer and/or towards the all-around athlete
   3. Applicant must have a good personal attitude, be enthusiastic, and a leader among their teammates, showing true sportsmanship

C. CITIZENSHIP
   1. Cooperative attitude
   2. Positive (& Hopefully Humorous) Personality
   3. Strong Leadership Qualities
   4. High Sense of Duty and Morality
   5. Enthusiasm to Help Anyone

D. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS
   1. Additional extracurricular activities, clubs and groups involvement will also be considered
   2. Financial need should and will also be a consideration
   3. Scholarship money may be used for attendance at any 2- or 4-year college
   4. Money will be awarded upon receipt of proof of enrollment in college

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:

1. Current Principal of Huntington High School (HHS)
2. At least one (1) Administrator of HHS
3. At least one (1) Athletic Dept. Representative of HHS
4. Current Guidance Counselor of HHS
5. At least one (1) Clubs/Activities Representative of HHS

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**APPLICANT’S STATEMENT**
The Applicant’s Statement should include the reasons you feel you should be considered for this scholarship, a description of your achievements academically, athletically and within your community. Your statement need not be more than one full page typed in length. Be sure to include your name and homeroom teacher at the top of your statement.

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**
A letter of recommendation from someone familiar with your character, abilities and/or achievements should be included with the application.

**TRANSCRIPT(S)**
Copies of your official high school transcripts to-date should be submitted with the application.

**DEADLINE**
Return this completed form along with your scholarship request for consideration statement, copies of high school transcripts to-date and letter of recommendation by [deadline date] to [school contact], to be considered for the upcoming scholarship grant.
Please type or print:

**Personal Information**

Today’s Date ______________

Last Name: _________________________________ First Name: _________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ____ Zip: _______

Telephone Number: (____) _______________ Email Address: ________________________________

**Educational Information**

High School: ________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ____ Year Graduating: ______ GPA: ____________

College: __________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ____ Intended Major: __________________ Full-Time or Part-Time (circle one)

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS/HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

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**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/EMPLOYMENT**

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**CHECKLIST for LET IT BEGIN WITH ME William F. Oliva Scholarship:**

_____ 1) This completed application form

_____ 2) One-page applicant’s statement

_____ 3) Letter of Recommendation

_____ 4) School Transcript(s)