

Frank & Wendy Platzar Legacy Scholarship

Application

2026

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Strength Integrity Service

A life-long student, as well as educator and coach, Frank Platzar believed that there was always more to learn, as well as countless opportunities to serve others. He loved working with athletes of all ages and skill levels. He found coaching young kids in little league baseball or CYO wrestling just as fulfilling as coaching high school athletes at the State Championships. Frank had a passion, and a natural talent, for helping others to find their strengths, and inspiring them to become their best selves.

Frank began his Ohio teaching career at Riverside High School, where he taught English, and coached Football, Wrestling, and Boys & Girls Track. He moved to Mayfield High School in the early 1970's where he continued to share his talents as both teacher and coach, making connections with students and peers that would last a lifetime.

In 1978, Frank returned to his Alma Mater, Willoughby South High School. In his 27 years at South, he took on many roles, including Teacher, Coach, National Honor Society Advisor, Athletic Director, and Dean of Students. During his tenure, the lives of countless Rebels were affected by Frank's particular brand of guidance – a mixture of humor, encouragement, and tough love. Upon his retirement from South in 2005, he was quickly hired as the Athletic Director at Notre Dame – Cathedral Latin High School. His knowledge and years of experience, not to mention his passion for bringing out the best in people made a lasting impression on NDCL sports.

By side since through it all was his wife Wendy. Wendy, also a South High alum, was an avid athlete and sports fan. In addition to her years of service in the Willoughby-Eastlake schools, she was a Volleyball and Cheerleading coach at South, as well as president of the Rebel Moms for many years. Despite many years of limited mobility, she never missed her grandkids sporting events.

Frank and Wendy's strength was evident as they dealt with multiple health issues, always leaning on and gaining strength from each other. Their determination to push through adversity was a model of perseverance. Frank and Wendy maintained a foundation of integrity through changing times. They believed that, "Doing what is right is not always easy, and doing what is easy is not always right." A commitment to the service of others was at the core of their spirit. Sadly, as he continued his life's work at NDCL, Frank passed away in November of 2017. Sadly, Wendy passed away last February as well. Their Legacy certainly lives on in their children and grandchildren. Their family, and the countless others who knew them are living testaments to the amazing people they were.

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We are looking to honor well-rounded student athletes who embody the characteristics of Strength, Integrity, and Service, as they strive to reach their fullest potential by continuing their education.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will be graduating from Riverside, Mayfield, Willoughby South, or Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin this year.

Applicants must have participated in at least 1 sport (as a player, manager, or trainer), and at least 1 other activity (club, service organization, performing arts, etc.) during their high school career.

Applicants must have applied to, and plan to attend, a college, university, or technical school to continue their education.

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Mother's Name: _____ Contact Phone/Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Contact Phone/Email: _____

High School Information

High School: _____ Current Accumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Sports You Participated In: _____ Level & Number of years played: _____ Your Role(s) on the Team: _____
i.e. Varsity, JV, Freshman, Club i.e. Player, Trainer, Manager, Captain

Sport: _____ Level/Years: _____ Role(s): _____

High School Information - continued

Additional Activities You Participated In:	School or Community Related Activity: (Circle One)	Your Roles in the Group/Activity:
Club/Activity: _____	School / Community	Role(s): _____
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Future Plans

Please list the colleges and/or technical programs to which you have applied.

School Name:	

Intended Major or Area of Study	
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Tell us about your Career Goals:

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Awards and Honors

List any Awards and/or Honors you have received:

Recommendations and Essay

Attach 3 Letters of Recommendation:

1 from a Coach

1 from a Teacher

1 from an Advisor/Supervisor of one of your activities

Please attach an essay describing why you would be the best candidate for this Scholarship.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that false information or misrepresentation will result in forfeiture of consideration for this Award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed Applications are due by March 31, 2026.

Applications can be returned via email to FrankPlatzarLegacy@gmail.com or mailed to

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