

## **RICHARD J. COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship will be awarded to a North Allegheny High School senior who is a rostered boys' or girls' soccer player and has displayed success both on the field and in the classroom. In addition, a focus on the applicant's family and community service commitments will also be considered when evaluating this award.

Students must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher at the conclusion of the first semester of their senior year.

A coach's recommendation must be submitted simultaneously with this application.

This is a one-time scholarship of \$3,000.00 and students must not have accepted a full tuition scholarship to college, university, technical school to be considered.

***Please forward completed applications to: Mr. Jim Luchini at [jim@kirktrucking.com](mailto:jim@kirktrucking.com) no later than 7:00 pm on Monday, May 3, 2021.***

### **ABOUT THE NAMESAKE – RICHARD COLLINS (1965-2020)**

Rick, as he was known, was a 1983 graduate of North Allegheny High School and Franklin Park resident. Following his time at NA, Rick graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1987 with a degree in Business. While his professional career was a large commitment in his life, his family was his highest priority and his support, love, and kindness for his immediate and extended family was unwavering. This surviving family currently includes his wife (Jackie) and children (Jake and Shelby) along with his five sisters (Jean, Margot, Kathleen, Dawn, and Jill) and parents (Dick and Anne) that still reside within the North Allegheny School District.

Rick spent 29 years working and advancing through the ranks at Pfizer eventually being named Oncology Area Business Manager for all territory in the state of Florida and Puerto Rico. His personality was one of strength, resolve, humor, and integrity. He was known for saying "I may not be the smartest person in the room, but I'll be the hardest working!" Despite his relentless battle with pancreatic cancer, he continued to display his witty personality and support his passions – his family and soccer. This was most evident when he would watch his son and his North Allegheny nephews (Jamie & Josh Luchini and Matt Mihm) play the game he loved. This yearly scholarship will honor these passions, his life, and our memories of him.

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
<b>Last name</b>	<b>First name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Phone</b>	<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Parent/Guardian name(s)</b>		<b>Number of siblings</b>
<b>GPA</b>	<b>Class rank</b>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION	
<p>Please address the following essay prompts using blank pages. Multiple responses may be answered on the same page, although be sure to number each corresponding essay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Begin with a summary of yourself and your post-secondary educational plans. Be specific and please include where you plan to attend, what you plan to study, and how you came to choose the school that you are attending. Please include your career plans and aspirations.</li> <li>2. Describe any special honors or awards that you have achieved. Explain a specific personal achievement that makes you proud.</li> <li>3. What do you consider your greatest strength? What has been a weakness or challenge that you have faced?</li> <li>4. What are you passionate about/what activities do you choose to focus your time and energy? Who has served as a role model for you and/or motivates you to put forth your best effort? (volunteering, education, arts, athletics, family)</li> <li>5. Considering that there are many students that contribute to the school and community, what separates you from your peers? Why do you deserve to be the recipient of this scholarship?</li> <li>6. Please include any additional information about you that yourself that you feel we should consider when making our determination.</li> <li>7. A coach's recommendation must be submitted simultaneously with this application.</li> </ol>	
<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>