

Ike Riley Sr Memorial Scholarship Program — Page Plan

Purpose

Honor Coach Ike Riley Sr.'s legacy by investing in the next generation — exactly as he did for 23 years. This scholarship supports young people who demonstrate the values Coach lived by: faith, integrity, strength, and service to others.

Page location: Linked from the Coach Ike Riley Sr. Tribute Page (not a top-level nav item)

Page Content — Ready for Wix

Hero Section

Headline: Ike Riley Sr Memorial Scholarship Program

Subhead: *"If I can help one young man stay out of trouble or come out of trouble and come to Christ through sports, all the sacrifice is worth it."* — Coach

Visual: Lion mascot + photo of Coach with youth athletes. Gold accent bar. Dark, reverent background consistent with tribute page.

CTA Button: Apply Now (scrolls to application section)

Section 1: About the Scholarship

Coach Ike Riley Sr. was raised in a single-parent home in poverty — no male role model, no college degree, no knowledge of God. Yet through faith, he became a man who never missed a game in 23 years, mentored hundreds of young men, and turned a \$16K department into a \$4M operation.

This scholarship continues his mission: **equipping young people who are ready to put in the work, stay on the right path, and serve their community.**

The Ike Riley Sr Memorial Scholarship is open to youth in the Chicagoland area who embody the WNQ pillars of **Integrity** and **Strength** — on and off the court.

Section 2: What the Scholarship Covers

Award Type	Details
Academic Scholarship	Funds toward tuition, books, or school supplies
Athletic Scholarship	Tournament fees, equipment, camp registration
Community Service Award	Recognition + funds for youth leading service projects

Note for client: Decide whether this is a single award type or multiple categories. The three-track model gives flexibility and covers Coach's full legacy (academics, athletics, service). Amounts TBD by the board.

Suggested award amounts:

- \$250 – \$500 per recipient (starting)
 - Scale up as fundraising and sponsorships grow
 - Multiple awards per cycle if funded
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Section 3: Who Can Apply

Eligibility:

- Ages **13–21** (middle school through college freshman)
- Resides in the **Chicagoland area**
- Currently enrolled in school or a GED program
- Demonstrates commitment to at least **two** of the following:
 - Academic effort (doesn't have to be straight A's — Coach valued heart over grades)
 - Athletic participation (any sport, any level)
 - Community service or volunteering
 - Faith community involvement
- **WNQ Warrior Members get priority** (but membership is not required to apply)

Not eligible:

- Applicants outside the Chicagoland service area (unless board makes exceptions)
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Section 4: How to Apply

Application Period: *[TBD — suggest annually, aligned with school year: March 1 – May 31]*

Steps:

1. **Fill out the application form** (linked below or embedded on this page)
2. **Write a short essay (250–500 words):**
 - "How has sports, mentorship, or faith shaped who you are today? What does 'never quit' mean to you?"
3. **Provide one reference** — teacher, coach, pastor, or community leader
4. **Optional:** Submit a short video (1–2 minutes) telling your story

Application form fields:

- Full name
- Age / Date of birth
- School name and grade
- Parent/guardian name and contact
- Sport(s) played (if any)
- Community involvement / volunteer work
- Church or faith community (optional)
- Essay upload or text field
- Reference name, relationship, and contact info

Wix implementation: Use Wix Forms or a linked Google Form. Wix Forms keeps everything in one ecosystem and allows automatic email confirmations.

Section 5: Selection Process

Step	Timeline
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Applications open	March 1
Applications close	May 31
Review by WNQ Board	June 1–15
Recipients notified	June 30
Awards ceremony	At next WNQ event (e.g., Annual Youth Sports Clinic)

Selection criteria (weighted):

Criteria	Weight
Essay quality and authenticity	30%
Community involvement	25%
Athletic participation	20%
Academic standing	15%
Reference strength	10%

Heart over perfection. Coach didn't pick favorites — he showed up for everyone. The selection should honor that spirit.

Section 6: Past Recipients (Future)

[Empty section to be populated as scholarships are awarded]

Suggested layout: Photo grid with name, school, sport, and a one-line quote from each recipient.

"This section grows every year — proof that Coach's legacy keeps building."

Section 7: Fund the Scholarship

Headline: Help Us Award More Scholarships

Every dollar donated to the Ike Riley Sr Memorial Scholarship Fund goes directly to youth who carry Coach's values forward.

Giving Level	Impact
\$25	Covers application materials and supplies
\$100	Funds one athletic equipment package
\$250	Sponsors a half scholarship
\$500+	Sponsors a full scholarship award

CTA Buttons:

- [Donate to the Scholarship Fund](#) → links to WNQ Donate page with scholarship earmark
- [Become a Scholarship Sponsor](#) → links to Partners page

Implementation Checklist

- **Content:** Finalize award amounts and categories with the WNZ board
 - **Application form:** Build in Wix Forms or link to Google Form
 - **Dates:** Confirm application cycle timeline
 - **Photos:** Source Coach photos for the hero section from the family
 - **Link placement:** Embed link within the Tribute Page + footer
 - **Donations:** Add "Scholarship Fund" as a donation category on the Donate page
 - **Announcement:** Draft social media post for scholarship launch
 - **Legal:** Confirm if scholarship disbursement requires any nonprofit compliance steps
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Questions for Client

- What dollar amount does the board want to start with per award?
- Single award or multiple tracks (Academic / Athletic / Service)?
- How many scholarships per year initially?
- Is there an existing scholarship fund or does this need to be set up?
- Should the essay prompt be exactly as written above, or does the family want to customize it?
- Do they want a public awards ceremony or private notification?
- Any specific sponsors or partners to credit on the scholarship page from day one?