

# Ike Riley Sr Memorial Scholarship Program — Page Plan

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## 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)

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## 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)

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### 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.

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### 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.

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## 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.*

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**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."*

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**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
<b>\$25</b>	Covers application materials and supplies
<b>\$100</b>	Funds one athletic equipment package
<b>\$250</b>	Sponsors a half scholarship
<b>\$500+</b>	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

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## Implementation Checklist

- ☐ **Content:** Finalize award amounts and categories with the WNQ 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?