



## St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' 2010 Sportsmanship Scholarship

The St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' **Sportsmanship Scholarship** is presented annually to a graduating high school senior from the St. Louis metropolitan area who consistently demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship in athletic competition. Scholarship candidates should be nominated for exemplifying the following ideals and values of sportsmanship: honesty, integrity, selflessness, kindness, compassion and class. The scholarship recipient will receive **\$2,500** to use for higher education expenses.

While off-field activities and community service are applauded, scholarship candidates will be evaluated primarily for their approach and character in competition. Athletic performance (wins and other statistics) are not a factor. Those connected to athletic teams, such as student managers, can be considered for the scholarship should their leadership and behavior represent an extraordinary standard and model for all in sports to follow.

### Nominee eligibility requirements:

- Must be a graduating high school senior.
- Must be from a high school in the greater metropolitan St. Louis area.
- Must not be attending college on a full scholarship. Athletes or scholars receiving partial scholarships for any reason will still be eligible.

### Selection Criteria:

Sportsmanship Scholarship recipients will be selected by members of the St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' Scholarship Committee. Before consideration, each nominee must provide to the committee the following documentation:

- Fully completed Sportsmanship Scholarship Nominee Form (attached here), including a copy of the nominee's high school transcript.
- Two Sportsmanship Scholarship Nominator Forms (attached here) each with an attached letter of recommendation from a coach, athletic director, teacher, school administrator, or fellow student attesting to the nominee's outstanding sportsmanship. At least one nomination and recommendation must come from a coach or athletic director.
- A personal essay from the nominee describing why he or she should be chosen for this award (no longer than one page, single spaced).

While all information is required for full consideration, the committee will most heavily weigh the letters of recommendation from the nominators and the personal essay from the nominee. All other factors will be used to distinguish the most outstanding candidates as initially determined by these letters.

### How to apply:

To apply for the Sportsmanship Scholarship, please mail or fax all supporting documents to:

St. Louis Sports Commission  
c/o Solomon Alexander  
308 N. 21st Street - Suite 500  
St. Louis, MO 63103

E-mail: [salexander@stlsports.org](mailto:salexander@stlsports.org)

### Deadline:

All scholarship applications must be received on or before June 15, 2010. The recipient will be notified by July 15, 2010 and will also be honored at the 2010 National Sportsmanship Awards (date TBD).

### For more information, please contact Scholarship Committee chairs:

Danny Lewin, [lewin.danny@gmail.com](mailto:lewin.danny@gmail.com) or 954-873-1332  
Scott Schatzman, [scotts@singerslaw.com](mailto:scotts@singerslaw.com) or 314-863-5900



**St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' Sportsmanship Scholarship  
-2010 Nominee Form-**

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**Applicant Data**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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**High School Data**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

School City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Post-Secondary School Data**

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend. Use official school name. Do not use abbreviations

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City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Athletic Participation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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**High School Athletic Participation**

List all sports in which you have participated in high school, the years in which you participated, and the levels at which you participated. Please also include any leadership roles you have held on any of your high school teams.

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**Activities, Awards, and Honors**

List all other school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, etc.) and all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). In addition, note any special awards or honors you received in high school.

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**Other Financial Awards**

Students who have received other financial awards, scholarships, or grants for any reason that will cover the entire cost of their post-secondary education are not eligible to receive the Sportsmanship Scholarship. Please initial here to certify that any awards, scholarships, or grants that you have received or anticipate receiving **will not** cover the entire cost of your tuition, room, board, and textbooks for the next four years. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Checklist**

The nominee is responsible for ensuring all materials are submitted to the St. Louis Sports Commission on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when the St. Louis Sports Commission has received all of the following materials:

- Nominee Form**
- Nominator Form with letter of recommendation from a coach or an athletic director**
- Nominator Form with letter of recommendation from a teacher, school administrator, fellow student, additional coach or athletic director**
- Personal Essay**
- Official high school transcript**

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**Certification**

The St. Louis Sports Commission Associates Board has the sole right to select recipients based on criteria set forth in the scholarship description. This application becomes the property of the St. Louis Sports Commission. We recommend that you keep a copy for your files.

*I acknowledge decisions of the St. Louis Sports Commission are final. I certify I meet all eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of the information provided in this application. Further, if selected, I will provide other information as necessary to ensure receipt of funds. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.*

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



**St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' Sportsmanship Scholarship  
-2010 Nominator Form-**

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**Nominator Data**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Data**

Name of recommended nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Years known \_\_\_\_\_

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**Letter of Recommendation**

Please remember that letters of recommendation are the **most important factors** in the selection process. Please provide as much detail as possible as to why this nominee should win the Sportsmanship Scholarship. Scholarship candidates should be nominated for exemplifying the following ideals and values of sportsmanship: honesty, integrity, selflessness, kindness, compassion and class. While off-field activities and community service are applauded, scholarship candidates will be evaluated primarily for their approach and character in competition. Athletic performance (wins and other statistics) are not a factor. If you would prefer, you can attach additional pages to this form; please include your name and the name of the nominated student in the top left corner of each additional page for identification purposes.

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## St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' Sportsmanship Scholarship -Trent Ross - Inaugural Scholarship Recipient-



Trent Ross of Troy, Ill., was the recipient of the inaugural St. Louis Sports Commission Associates' Sportsmanship Scholarship. A freshman at Western Illinois University, Ross was an outstanding student-athlete during his four years at Triad High School. He captained the varsity track and field and cross country teams, and also played on the junior varsity soccer team. Perhaps the most remarkable attribute of this young man was the attitude he had toward opponents. At the end of every race, Ross thanked and congratulated each of his fellow competitors no matter where he finished. It takes tremendous character to congratulate someone who just beat you. Moreover, it requires a humble spirit to encourage those who finish after you without being condescending. Races can also be exhausting. Ross helped those runners off the ground and allowed them to lean on him until they caught their breath.

His commitment to sportsmanship did not end on the track. Ross used social media to keep in contact with his fellow competitors. They encouraged and congratulated each other via e-mail and Facebook. Triad cross country coach Andy Brendel said, "In my seven years of coaching high school sports, I have yet to see an athlete display such a high level of sportsmanship." Brian Weiss,

the school's track and field coach, said Ross "displays a unique combination of exceptional natural talent, superior motivation, character beyond reproach, and a dynamic spirit, all of which elevate him, in my mind, into the top one percent of athletes and students that I have had the opportunity of teaching and coaching."

To all that, Ross replied that while he was honored to be nominated by his coaches, he doesn't think he did anything special. "To me, doing what I do for other competitors at races is just how I was raised and that is not anything out of the ordinary."