Coach Ronnie Green Memorial Scholarship

This fund is an organization created in 2008 by the family and friends of Ronnie Green in order to honor his lifetime commitment to students and education. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding high school seniors who aspire to better themselves through education and meet the qualifications as outlined in the application process.

About Ronnie Green

Originally from Mississippi, Ronnie moved to Georgia in the fall of 1988 and began teaching adaptive physical education to elementary and middle school students. He also coached football, basketball, and baseball—first at Morrow High School and then at East Paulding High School. While at Morrow, he became the winningest baseball coach in the history of Morrow High School with a record of 94-67-2. He posted a record of 121-84 at East Paulding High.

From there, Ronnie entered into administration, serving as an assistant principal at Hiram High School for a year, and then as athletic director and assistant principal at Etowah High School in Cherokee County starting in 2007.

His life along with his promising career was cut short on February 18, 2008. However, through the dedication and commitment he showed to students, Coach Green has a lasting legacy in the many students whose lives he touched, who will continue living out the principles learned from Coach Green.

With his unique gift of touching lives with his firm but gentle manner and his “practice what you preach” ways, Ronnie Green will be long remembered by hundreds of students, coaches, faculty and administrators who were part of his educational career. It is the hope of the scholarship trustees that the recipient of this scholarship will exhibit the principles that Ronnie lived every day.

About the Scholarship

During his career in education and high school athletics, Coach Green held firm to his beliefs. He placed high expectations on his players and students, and fully expected those expectations be met. Among Ronnie’s belief were some of the following qualities:

- **Loyalty** - Ronnie considered loyalty a valuable quality in his players and his students. He mirrored this by his commitment to others. He would listen without bias, and give a helping hand, often without being seen. He invested a lot of time and energy into his students and players. He made it a goal to touch one person each year, and through this dedicated outreach, he made a difference in scores of lives.

- **“Do it the right way”** - “Do it the right way” was a phrase that those who came in contact with Coach Green heard often. This phrase described one of the basic principles by which he lived. Coach Green believed that what happened off the field was as important as what happened on the field. And win or lose, the most important thing was how the game was played—with class and grace. Attitude, work ethic, perseverance, punctuality, and pride in representing your family, team, school, and self were all traits that Coach Green taught his players and students.
Coach Green did not believe in cutting corners, and players that did so did not stay on Coach Green’s team. Through his dedication to this principle, Coach Green taught students integrity – that in life, it’s important to “do it the right way”, even when no one is looking.

- **Discipline** - Coach Green exemplified personal discipline and expected the same of his players. He believed that “you played for the name on the front of the jersey, not the name on the back.” He called players and students alike to put the team or group before their own personal gain. Many learned that all must follow the rules, no matter who you were, and Coach Green would quickly bench you for the good of the team, and for your own good in the long haul. In the role of disciplinarian, Ronnie emphasized the choices students had before them and encouraged them to make the right choice and abide by the rules.

**Awards/Funding**

Awards will be made in an amount established by the trustees of the fund. Funding for this scholarship is obtained through contributions from local organizations and individuals. It is the hope of the trustees that the scholarship will be perpetually funded. Donations may be in the form of cash, bonds, stocks, etc. All local associations are encouraged to make additional annual contributions. Current policy determines the amount of scholarship funds to be distributed in any fiscal year.

The scholarship winner(s) will be announced at the year-end honors ceremonies of their respective schools. Actual disbursement of the scholarship will occur only after proof has been provided of enrollment in the post-secondary institution.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must:
1. Be a graduating high school senior accepted by an accredited post-secondary institution or a certified technical school, or already be enrolled at such an institution.
2. Have at least a grade average of “B” at the time of application
3. Currently listed on roster of high school baseball team
4. Complete the application and mail it to the address below by the indicated deadline.

Ronnie Green Scholarship
201 Little Bear Trail
Canton, Georgia 30114

**Selection**

Scholarships are awarded to the applicant who demonstrates that he exhibits the characteristics important to Coach Green, as outlined in the application. Applicants will demonstrate this through the application, free response question and letters of recommendation. The committee weighs each of these areas very carefully.

**Application**

In order to apply for the Ronnie Green Memorial Scholarship, the enclosed application must be completed and postmarked by **March 23, 2018**.
Ronnie Green Scholarship Application

I. Personal Data

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ ZIP ___________________________
Phone ___________________________ Student ID# ______________________
Parents/Legal Guardian’s Name _______________________________________

II. Academic Information (Current and Future)

☐ Cherokee High School  ☐ Creekview High School  ☐ East Paulding High School  ☐ River Ridge High School

High School G.P.A. ___________________________
What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend? ___________________________
Intended Major? ___________________________

Explain your future plans ____________________________________________
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Explain any financial needs you may have ____________________________
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III. Activities

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**IV. Student Narrative**

It is the hope of the scholarship trustees that the recipient of this scholarship will demonstrate the characteristics held firmly by Coach Green. In one page or less, explain how you best demonstrate the characteristics of loyalty, “do it the right way”, and discipline. Please use specific examples.

**V. Recommendations**

Please include three (3) letters of recommendation.

1. One needs to come from your baseball coach.
2. One needs to come from a teacher/counselor/principal.
3. One needs to come from one other non-related adult.

Each letter must outline how the player demonstrates the characteristics of loyalty, “do it the right way”, and discipline.

**VI. Submission**

I, ___________________________________________ do hereby declare that the information contained within this application is true and accurate.

(Your Signature)      (Date)

**VII. Verification**

Received by Scholarship Trustees ____________ (Date)