

WANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In loving memory of
Eric Morton Wang
~ 09/18/84 - 04/09/02 ~



Eric Wang was a member of the Fencing Institute of Texas' and St. Mark's Men's Epee Teams. Eric had an effusive smile and demeanor. He walked through life with an air of confidence, but a humbleness that reached out to everyone he met. His competitive spirit led him to fencing and track, and guided him through academic achievements. Eric was a tremendous athlete and gifted student. He embraced life and all those around him as his equal, and gave of himself effortlessly and graciously.

With so many lessons left unfinished, Eric still led a good and joyful life. He lived life without any regrets. Although Eric physically is not with us right now, his spirit will always be in our hearts and our minds. ~ Brian Wang (eulogy excerpt)

Fencing Institute of Texas, in cooperation with the Wang family, dedicates the Wang Memorial fencing tournament to Eric's memory. Proceeds from these events are set aside for the scholarship fund. **The annual award is a minimum of \$500.00 per recipient; higher monetary amount and multiple awards may be given at the discretion of the selection committee.**

High school seniors and college/university undergraduate students are eligible to apply for this scholarship. To ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements as written. **This is not a "need based" scholarship. Nor do you have to be fencing NCAA. All college-bound fencers are encouraged to apply.**

PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

1. Enclose only those items requested in the application (do not attach biographies, resumes, or supplemental lists of activities). Requested items must be attached to the application.
2. Answer all questions on the application ("see attached" is not an acceptable answer).
3. All applications must be printed or typed, and with original signatures and include a photograph. Applicants are responsible for legibility and readability.
4. Only original applications will be accepted. Fencing Institute of Texas is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications. E-mail or faxed applications are not acceptable. Mail or bring your completed application to:
Fencing Institute of Texas, Inc.
1000 West Crosby Road, Suite 134
Carrollton, Texas 75006
5. Applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant.
6. Submission of an application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted.
7. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION is June 30th.** Post marked dates do not constitute submission; applications should be mailed in plenty of time to arrive at FIT prior to the deadline. Use sufficient postage. **There is no one at the club during the day, so do not send via USPS requesting a signature receipt!!** This may delay receipt of your application and you may miss the deadline.
8. The selection committee will generally meet in September. The selection committee consists of 3-7 FIT members and representatives from other clubs. The committee may meet in person or via email, so all applications should be legible enough for scanning into PDF format. Please use black ink if hand writing your application.
9. The selection committee will notify each applicant in writing of the committee's decision. There is no appeal and the decision of the committee is final.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

1. All applicants must be high school seniors or undergraduate students attending college or university in the fall of the scholarship year.
2. Applicants must submit the completed application in a timely fashion.
3. Applicants must have demonstrated a strong desire to participate in fencing activities and help other fencers.
4. Provide **TWO** signed recommendation letters from Coaches or Fencers who know the applicant personally. These letters should attest to the general character of the applicant. This is the only endorsement required. **Endorsements from teachers, counselors, etc., should not be included and will not be considered.**
5. Submit a photo that may be used on the internet and in other publications.

Print your name: _____

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APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name as recorded by USFA _____ USFencing Member # _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home telephone (_____) _____ Year in School _____

Name of School you are enrolled currently: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Year) _____ How long have you fenced? _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Names and ages of other family members: _____

APPLICANT'S FENCING INFORMATION

What weapons do you fence and what ratings (letter and year, such as C99, B02, Unrated)?

Epee _____ Foil _____ Sabre _____

Member of the US National Team? No Yes Year(s) _____

National Points List achievements:

Under 16/Cadet Standing: _____ Year(s): _____

Under 19/Junior Standing: _____ Year(s): _____

Senior Standing: _____ Year(s): _____

List the 6 most recent tournaments in which you participated:

(for place, include the total number of participants – 16th/64)

Tournament Name: _____ Event: _____ Place _____ Year _____

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Print your name: _____

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List any other honors or qualifications you have such as referee rating, coaching assistant, instructing classes, etc.:

In support of your application, outline your abilities and how you epitomize **team spirit**:

Describe your **academic goals** and how a scholarship will help you achieve these goals:

Print your name: _____

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Are you currently enrolled in a college or university program? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of your university: _____

Location of school: _____

If you are a high school senior, have you been accepted to a university or college? Yes No
(Please attach a copy of your letter of acceptance or other proof of enrollment)

What is your current grade point average? _____
(Please attach a copy of your latest transcript or other proof of GPA.)

What is your major (undecided is acceptable)? _____

Please describe your academic strong points: _____

Why do you feel you are the most qualified person to receive this award? _____

Do you have any brothers or sisters in college? _____ Brothers _____ Sisters

Print your name: _____

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COACH'S ENDORSEMENT

Coach's signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Club Name or School Affiliation: _____ City/State: _____

Coach's comments: _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: In addition to the above endorsement, attach **TWO** letters of recommendation from **other Fencers or Coaches** to this document which attest to your team spirit, general character, and abilities.

PHOTOGRAPH: A current photograph, either black and white or color, should be sent along with this application. This photograph may be used by Fencing Institute of Texas or USA Fencing in the announcement of this award.

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the Fencing Institute of Texas (FIT) scholarship selection committee to request and obtain any further information it deems necessary. I understand the terms and conditions presented on page 1, and hereby make application for the Eric Wang Memorial Scholarship. I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true and complete; that FIT is authorized to verify the information contained herein with my National Governing Body and other sources identified; that I will notify FIT of any changes; and that I agree to allow my name, photograph and sporting accomplishments to appear publicly if I receive this scholarship. By my signature below, I also authorize Fencing Institute of Texas and USA Fencing to publish my photograph in conjunction with any announcement of this award.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

I have read this application and it has my approval.

(Signature of Father/Guardian)

(Date)

(Signature of Mother/Guardian)

(Date)

Print your name: _____

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Final Checklist

Please make sure you have included the following:

- Your completed, signed application

- Your letter of acceptance (high school seniors), or proof of enrollment (university/college freshmen, sophomores, juniors)

- Proof of your current Grade Point Average or transcripts

- TWO letters of recommendation or endorsement from other fencers or coaches

- Current photograph to be used on the Fencing Institute of Texas and USA Fencing websites

MAIL OR DELIVER YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE TO FIT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30TH – POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. FAXED DOCUMENTS OR DOCUMENTS WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Print your name: _____