

*McKenzie Travis Education Foundation Softball Scholarship
In Loving Memory of McKenzie Travis
Background, Eligibility & 2016 Application*

With the generous support of our family, friends and the softball community, we have been able to establish the McKenzie Travis Educational Foundation and through that a scholarship fund in loving memory of our daughter/sister. McKenzie was killed in a car accident January 22, 2006, at nineteen years old and is missed every day. This scholarship fund affords us the opportunity to keep McKenzie's memory alive in a way that has great meaning for our family while promoting education, athletics and community service. Through 2015, the Foundation awarded 176 scholarships for a total of \$440,000.

From the age of two as a benchwarmer for her sisters' teams, McKenzie was involved in softball at some capacity or another. Over a ten-year span, she played recreationally for Midway and Holy Angel's CYO Teams, competitively for Midway Orange Crush and Delaware Orange Crush and was a four-year varsity starter for Newark High School. While her passion for the game waned at the collegiate level, she never lost site of the valuable experiences and life lessons she gained from her involvement in the sport and through volunteerism tenaciously gave back to the community that had been so good to her. At a very young age and for a number of years, she flawlessly managed all the behind-the-scenes logistics of the Delaware Invitational College Showcase camp and tournament and was the on-site go to person during the event. It was her idea, which she shared shortly before her death, to establish a scholarship fund specifically for softball players to be awarded annually at the tournament. Little did we know that we would be establishing this in her memory.



McKenzie could truly light up a room with her bubbly personality, deep dimples and million dollar smile. We could count on her to turn frowns upside down and to find humor in everyday things. She was a good student, an accomplished athlete, a fitness buff and navigationally and technologically gifted. Her friends called her the human GPS system. She was an avid football fan, loved music, the beach, her family and her friends. Above all, she was a good and beautiful person inside and out and a special member of our family. While her time with us was far too short, the impact she made on our lives and others was significant. Our lives were enriched forever by her presence.

We have appointed a non-biased committee to aid in the selection of the scholarship recipients. While academic achievement is extremely important the successful candidates will be well rounded and have a genuine proven track record in the area of community service and/or volunteerism.

Thank you for your interest in keeping McKenzie's spirit alive.

John & Jody Travis and sisters Jessica & Dana

2016 Eligibility Criteria
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Eligibility Criteria:

High School Senior, Graduating 2016

- Must currently play varsity softball for your high school team
- Must have already been accepted to college and intending to play softball in college
i.e. – already recruited or planning to try out as a walk on
- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Must have played in the Delaware Invitational Tournament previously or playing on a team registered for the Delaware Invitational Tournament July 15-17, 2016
- Must have demonstrated Community Service/Volunteerism

Any Delaware High School Senior is eligible to apply, meeting all of the above criteria except the requirement of having to have played in one of our tournaments.

OR already playing in a College Program – entering Sophomore, Junior or Senior Year

- Must have played in the Delaware Invitational Tournament
- Minimum Collegiate Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Must have demonstrated continued Community Service/Volunteerism

Application Deadline: June 30, 2016

2016 Application and Questionnaire
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This form is used to collect information about your background, interests, academics and community service for review and consideration for this scholarship. Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** legibly to ensure a complete and comprehensive review of your application.

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Full Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Education:

High School Name: _____ GPA: _____

College or University you plan to attend:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

OR If currently in college:

College or University Name: _____ GPA: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

School and Community Activities:

List up to six key activities in which you have participated during the last three years in school or community. (Varsity or club sports, School clubs, student government, church organizations, etc.) Please define any acronyms.

Activity	Dates of Participation	Position Held and/or Awards or Honors

Community Service:

List up to six community agencies or organizations you have supported through volunteerism **(WITHOUT PAY)** during the last three years. (Religious groups, youth groups, hospital volunteer, outreach programs, etc.) Please define any acronyms.

Organization	Activity	Dates of Participation	# of Hours (per week or per yr)

If you listed a leadership role in one or more of the school activities or community organizations above please choose one, detail your responsibilities, and explain the significance of your contribution to the organization.

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Delaware Invitational Tournament Participation Requirement:

What year(s) did you participate in the Delaware Invitational Tournament or participate in the Delaware Invitational Fundraiser? _____

What team(s) were you on when you participated? _____

Essay Requirement:

In the form of a **one-page** type written creative essay, please answer this question:

What one lesson did you learn when you were playing softball that you will carry with you through the rest of your life?

(Essays that are any longer than one page will not be accepted.)

Please ensure you provide an adequate response that is grammatically correct as it will be heavily weighted.

Certification:

I hereby certify that all information entered on this application is accurate and true.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submit completed Application Packet to:

McKenzie Travis Educational Foundation
PO Box 898
New Castle, DE 19720

Or email to: McKFoundation@gmail.com

Application Packet must include:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- Essay
- **ONE** letter of reference from non-family member that can speak to your character and worthiness for this scholarship (i.e., employer, coach, teacher, representative from an organization where you have volunteered)
- Photocopy proof of cumulative GPA- NOT OFFICIAL

Application Deadline: Monday, June 20, 2016