

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:



All girls ages 10-14 who are interested in attending a sport camp of their choice can apply for funds to be applied to the tuition for the camp. Scholarship funds cannot be applied to transportation, equipment or supplies. Here's how you can apply:

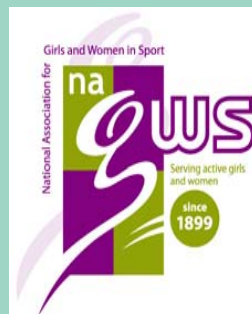
1. Identify any sport camp that fits your needs and fill out the application.
2. Write a single-spaced one-page typed essay explaining why you want to go to camp.
3. Send your essay, a copy of your most recent grades and a copy of the camp application to NAGWS (Attn: MJ Scholarship).
4. A committee will review all applications on an ongoing basis. Scholarship funds will be directly applied to each specific camp's tuition or registration by NAGWS.
5. Winners are also expected to send NAGWS a single-spaced one-page summary following their camp experience.

Application deadlines are February 1<sup>st</sup> (spring/ summer camps) and October 1<sup>st</sup> (fall/ winter camps) annually.

## HOW TO SUPPORT THE FUND:

Donations to support the Mary Jennings Sport Camp Scholarship Fund are accepted by NAGWS in the following formats: online ([www.nagws.org/maryjennings](http://www.nagws.org/maryjennings)), by USPS (check made payable to NAGWS) or by cash in person.

Groups planning to host events in support of the Scholarship Fund should contact the Reston office for additional information.



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PLAY TO LEARN...  
LEARN TO PLAY

## THE MARY JENNINGS STORY:



Mary Louise Jennings was a student-athlete who spent her entire life in Piscataway, NJ until she left home to attend Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Seton Hall awarded Mary both academic and athletic scholarships following her career at Piscataway High School as an outstanding student and athlete in soccer, track and basketball.

In 2006 at the age of 21, Mary was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer and passed away that same year.

Mary was involved in sports at an early age, playing youth soccer for Piscataway Soccer Club and then elite soccer with Jersey Knights Soccer Club, The Players Development Academy (PDA), and Jersey United. As part of the Jersey United team Mary participated in a European Soccer Tour that included competition in Italy, Germany and England.

In high school Mary's passion for sport continued. She played varsity soccer for four years, varsity basketball for three years, and competed in the 800 and mile events in track.

Mary was a two-time All State selection in soccer in her junior and senior years, a member of the All-State Central Jersey Top 20 Team, a three-time All-Red Division selection in Middlesex County, and a two-time All-Conference selection. She was also nominated as an All-American in her junior year.

In 2002 Mary helped lead Piscataway High School Girls Soccer team to their first County Championship.

As a result, she was named Middlesex County Player of the Year by the Newark Star-Ledger that year.

Mary was also an excellent student who was a member of the Piscataway High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. At Seton Hall, she spent six consecutive semesters on the Dean's List as a double major in History and Secondary Education. She was an active member of the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society.



After college Mary looked forward to a career as a history teacher or lawyer.

Despite all the honors bestowed upon Mary, she also dealt with setbacks. During her freshman year at Seton Hall she tore her ACL at a preseason practice and sat out the rest of the soccer season. She returned to the soccer field in her sophomore year.

Mary often marked the most talented forward on the opposing team. She took it upon herself to set high goals and reach them. Her skill and determination on the soccer field were clearly displayed in an exceptionally hard-fought high school match between rivals Piscataway and East Brunswick in 2000. In that contest Mary's commitment to defend Heather O'Reilly, who later became a member of the US National Team, was relentless.

She is survived by a very active family including soccer-playing twin brother Christopher, soccer-playing sister Wendy, sisters Terri and Debbie and a brother Evan. Mary's parents, Florence and Clarence, are well-known throughout the soccer community for their vocal support of youth soccer and sport.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP STORY:



From an early age, Mary Jennings participated in soccer camps, leagues and tournaments. She developed skills through the youth soccer program, by participating in leagues (indoor and outdoor) and by attending sport camps and clinics.

As she grew up and worked her way through the competitive sport system, Mary developed many life-long friendships. Although Mary was taken from this world much too soon, the Mary Jennings Sport Camp Scholarship will enable other young girls to experience sport camps and develop their potential as they "Play to Learn...Learn to Play."

"Mary was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was going to make a difference in the world." –HS and College Teammate Megan Fenton

"Having Mary in front of me on the soccer field was wonderful. She loved soccer, and she was very good at it." –HS Teammate Carey Noakes

"Mary was definitely a leader, a teacher, a motivator and a positive role model for everyone. She took on challenges most people would avoid, and she was unselfish and a team player all the way. A little bit of Mary is in all of us whose lives she touched." –HS Soccer Coach Adrian McConney

