



## Michael Nunes Scholarship Award 2024-2025 Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for an award of \$2,000 toward tuition for my (choose one) \_\_\_\_ sophomore \_\_\_\_ junior \_\_\_\_ senior

Current Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Eligibility is not based upon a minimum grade point average but, rather, on financial need.  
Students at all levels of academic achievement are encouraged to apply.*

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The goal of the scholarship committee is to provide encouragement and financial support to a young person who:

- is in need of financial assistance in order to continue attending IHS;
- can demonstrate a profound appreciation for the value of friendship;
- can communicate a sense of individuality and an awareness of his/her personal impact on others

### Essay Questions

***Please respond to the following three essay questions.*** The scholarship committee members will look for the following qualities in each of your responses:

- \* honesty and insightfulness
- \* well-phrased and complete thoughts
- \* individuality and personality
- \* enthusiasm for positively impacting others

1. Students attend Immaculata for a wide variety of reasons – academic, athletic, spiritual and social, for example. Some have chosen IHS themselves and some have had it chosen for them. Consider why continuing your education at IHS is important to you, and please complete the following statement.

***The Michael Nunes Scholarship Award will enable me to ...***

2. If you have ever been the recipient of another's kindness, then you have had the opportunity for friendship. If you have extended the kindness, then you've created the opportunity. Michael Nunes' energetic and gregarious nature thrived by extending random acts of kindness to unexpected individuals. ***How have you extended yourself and shown friendship to someone at a time when it would have been a lot easier not to do so?***

3. Please respond to one of the following two questions:

**a) *Other than academic learning, what knowledge, insight, strengths or other benefits have you gained as a result of attending IHS?*** Consider, for example, challenges that you have faced and obstacles that you have overcome and how dealing with them was ultimately a positive experience.

**b) *Which of your interests and activities outside of the classroom are most important to you and why?*** Consider clubs, community involvement, part-time jobs, artistic or athletic pursuits and hobbies.

## Required Support Material: Peer Recommendation Letter

Please identify one of your peers who can demonstrate your unique ability to extend yourself in kindness and friendship, through one or more examples. Ask this person to complete and sign the attached Peer Recommendation Letter so that you (the Applicant) may submit it to the scholarship committee with your application.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Signature of IHS Business Manager  
Verifying Applicant's Financial Eligibility

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Date

Please email [sbeardsley@immaculatahighschool.org](mailto:sbeardsley@immaculatahighschool.org) or mail this completed application, your essays and your peer recommendation letter to:

Immaculata High School  
Office of Advancement  
Michael Nunes Scholarship Committee  
240 Mountain Avenue  
Somerville, NJ 08876

***Application must be electronically received or postmarked by March 14, 202***



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### Peer Recommendation Letter

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **To the author of this recommendation**

The applicant named above is applying for the Michael Nunes Scholarship Award and must submit this letter of recommendation with his or her completed application, which must be **electronically received or postmarked by April 15, 2023**. By generously agreeing to write this recommendation you are enabling the applicant to be considered for a scholarship of \$2,000 toward tuition at Immaculata High School.

#### **Essay Questions**

**Please respond to both of the following essay questions.** Your honesty and thoughtfulness will enable the scholarship committee to get a sense of what it is like to be acquainted with the applicant. Please attach a separate page (typed).

1. Please describe one or more instances in which you witnessed the applicant extending his or her friendship to another person. Include a description of how well the applicant knew the recipient of this kind act.
2. How have you benefited from knowing the applicant? Consider for example, how your outlook, experiences and interests might be different if you had never met the applicant.