



**Hamilton Area YMCA**

# **The William "Bill" Pecci Memorial Scholarship**

## **Established by The Hamilton Area YMCA**

The Hamilton Area YMCAs baseball program was established by William "Bill" Pecci more than 40 years ago. Bill spearheaded the project to convert Sayen Park into a baseball field. He, along with the Hamilton Area YMCA and many others, contributed their time, talent and treasure to create a baseball program which was accessible to all who wished to play the game, as there were few opportunities for youth to participate in affordable, recreational baseball. In 1995, Sayen Field was renamed in Bill's honor to "Pecci Field".

To honor the passion and dedication of Bill Pecci to the sport of baseball and his commitment to the children of the Hamilton Township Community, the Hamilton Area YMCA has created the William "Bill" Pecci Scholarship to carry on his legacy. The scholarship celebrates those athletes who demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship and community service. Two \$1,000 awards will be given each year.

Applicants must complete the attached application including all required paperwork and return to the Hamilton Area YMCA no later than the date indicated on the application.

**To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must meet the requirements below:**

1. Must be a resident of Hamilton Township and a High school senior.
2. Play any sport.
3. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. A copy of high school transcript is required.
4. Enroll in a two or four year college, technical school or institute in the fall following their graduation from High School. Priority will be given to those attending a technical school or Community college. If the recipient does not attend following graduation, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to the next runner-up.
5. The applicant must have an affiliation with the Hamilton Area YMCA; program participant, staff member and/or volunteer.
6. Must submit an essay of 250+ words describing how you have made a positive difference in the Hamilton Township Community, using the principles of the YMCA.
7. Attach a recommendation form completed by head coach as well as a community leader's recommendation.
8. Complete an in person interview.



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# William "Bill" Pecci Scholarship Application

Application must be completed by April 24, 2020.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_

Current School \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

High School Sport Participation \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Service Group Participation \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated School Fall 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application via e-mail to Denise Wyers at  
dwyers@hamiltonymca.org or mail to the address below.**

**HAMILTON AREA YMCA**  
1315 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road  
185 Sawmill Road  
hamiltonymca.org  
609.581.9622

\* Please note that children of the Full time staff and Board of Directors of the Hamilton Area YMCA are ineligible to apply for this scholarship.



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## Coach's Recommendation Form

In a brief paragraph below, please comment on how this student most exemplifies the spirit of Bill Pecci and the Hamilton Area YMCA.

- Someone who is passionate about a sport.
- Someone who is coachable.
- Someone who accepts responsibility for his/her actions.
- Someone who takes pride in fulfilling both individual and team goals.
- A strong team player with leadership potential.
- Works equally hard in the classroom and on the field.
- Exhibits true team spirit.
- Encourages other team players to excel.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach's Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Community Leader Reference Recommendation Form

In a brief paragraph below, please comment on how this student most exemplifies the spirit of Bill Pecci and the Hamilton Area YMCA in the Community.

- Someone who is passionate about the Hamilton Township Community.
- Someone who dedicates their time and talent to charitable organizations.
- Someone who shows passion and concern for others.
- Someone who demonstrates strong moral and ethical behaviors and values.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Leader Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

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