

Mike Leach Scholarship

Mike Leach Foundation (MLF)

History of Scholarship

The Mike Leach Scholarship is a project sponsored by the Team Leach Group that was formed on Facebook after the termination of Mike Leach from Texas Tech University. The Mike Leach Foundation was formed in December of 2010 for this purpose and funds are raised through various fundraising endeavors. We feel that Mike Leach was arguably the best Head Football Coach that Texas Tech has ever had and we have the intention to award this scholarship to deserving students for years to come in order to keep Coach Leach's name and memory alive within the walls of Texas Tech University.

Coach Leach, when asked about his wishes for the scholarship, expressed his desire for this scholarship to be presented to student(s) who wish to pursue sports-related careers. Therefore, it is the intent of this committed to choose the applicant(s) we feel will best exhibit and employ the high standards that Coach Leach utilized as the Head Football Coach at Texas Tech University in his 10-year tenure. This would include both a desire for excellence in athletics as well as emphasis on performance in the classroom and the pursuit of graduation and degree for all student athletes.

Application Information

- Students can obtain both the Scholarship Instructions and Application at the following website: <http://www.teamleach.org/> (click Scholarship Tab)

Specific Eligibility Information

- Must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.
- Must be classified as a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior.
- Student must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
- Student must be majoring a program directly related to sports or athletics.
- Student must write and include a personal essay – see details below:

Essay Information

- Must be double-spaced and typed in a 12 font.
- Must be at least one full page, but cannot exceed three full pages.
- Your essay must address each of the following topics:
- Reasons for your desire to have a sports-related career.

- How you have been inspired by Coach Leach's career at Texas Tech and his devotion to the education of the student athlete.
- What areas of athletics you are interested in and your reasons for choosing that area.

General Information

- Application deadline is TBD
- Completed application may be submitted online, sent to scholarship@teamleach.org, or mailed.
- Applications received after deadline will not be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications and all attachments must be submitted at the same time – not separately.
- Please include your name in the lower left corner and page number in the lower right corner of each page.
- Applications must include a copy of the most recent transcript of the applicant.
- Your submission of said application will stand as your certification that the data contained in application and all related attachments are true and correct.

Method of Selection

The selection committee for the Student Foundation Scholarship shall consist of the following members:

- The Mike Leach Foundation Selection Committee
- Mike and/or Sharon Leach

The selection committee shall have full responsibility for reviewing each application, establishing the eligibility of each applicant, and deciding who shall be the finalist to receive the scholarship. Each member of the selection committee will rank each candidate using the Mike Leach Foundation Scholarship Scorecard. At such time that each selection committee member has reviewed and ranked each applicant, the Committee Chair shall call a meeting of all selection committee members to discuss each candidate. The committee shall select the recipient of this scholarship based upon a majority vote by the total membership committee. Mike and/or Sharon Leach shall have the responsibility and honor of choosing this scholarship's recipient. The name of the recipient(s) will remain confidential until said scholarships are announced at a to-be-determined date and time.

Number of Scholarships Awarded

The MLF shall present the scholarship to one or more students in any calendar year. Each awarded scholarship will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 per academic school year. Each scholarship recipient shall receive \$5,000.00 per semester. These scholarships will not be awarded if suitable applications are not received.

Time and Place of Presentation

The MLF shall determine the time and place for the formal presentation of the scholarship to the student.

Symbol of Award

A Certificate of Recognition will be presented to the recipient of each MLF Scholarship during the formal presentation.

Team Leach/Mike Leach Foundation Scholarship Application

Date to begin school: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION – (Please type or print)

Mr. ___ Miss ___ Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Social Security Number(last 4 digits) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Student's Father (if applicable): _____

(If father is deceased, please indicate)

Father's Employment: Name of Employer: _____

Name of Student's Mother (if applicable): _____

(If mother is deceased, please indicate)

Mother's Employment: Name of Employer: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

College or Universities to which you have applied:

1. _____ Accepted: ___ Yes ___ No

2. _____ Accepted: ___ Yes ___ No

Intended Major: _____

What career are you planning to pursue? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Current GPA (7 high-school semesters): _____ Is this a weighted average? Yes ___ No ___

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Date Taken: _____

ACT Composite: _____ Date Taken: _____

OTHER STUDENT INFORMATION

Please list any special honors and awards received:

Date:

Please list your extracurricular activities (in and out of school):

Date:

Please list any community service activities you participate in:

Date:

Please list any work experience you have:

Date:

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

List all sources of financial aid you are applying for and/or have received notification of award.

Scholarship/Award/Loan/Grant:

Awarded:

_____	Yes _____ No _____ Pending _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____ Pending _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____ Pending _____
_____	Yes _____ No _____ Pending _____

Unusual Financial Circumstances

If a student and/or his/her family have unusual financial circumstances please explain them below (ex: family member who has recently become unemployed, unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance; any other circumstances that affect income). Attach an additional page if necessary.

PERSONAL ESSAY:

On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us anything about yourself that you feel would be helpful to the committee evaluating your application.

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- Your essay must address each of the following topics:
- Reasons for your desire to have a career in coaching athletics.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge I give the Mike Leach Foundation permission to contact any of my teachers, counselors, or educational institutions to gain further information if needed. I understand that the information in this application will be shared with the scholarship selection committee.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Misrepresentation in any statement may be considered reason/or cancellation and repayment of scholarship.