

Leo Koch Family Memorial Scholarship

2021-2022 Application

Application Procedure:

- 1. Complete this application, including BOTH student and parent signatures at the bottom of this page.
- 2. Save the scholarship application including its essay as an individual pdf with the following file name format: LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_YOG_SCHOLARSHIPNAME.pdf.
- 3. Submit applications by email to Mrs. Julie Prangley, <u>prangleyj@bghs.org</u> in a PDF format. PLEASE NOTE: Hard copies of the completed application will no longer be accepted.
- 4. DEADLINE for submission: Friday, January 29, 2021 by 3:00 PM
- 5. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Green & Gold Academic Awards Night in May.

About the Scholarship:

The Scholarship was established in 2019 in honor of Leo Koch, former Mount Saint Mary and Bishop Guertin Women's Soccer Coach and State Champion. The scholarship was created by the daughters of Leo Koch; Kristan Koch MSMS '87, Heather Koch Palmer, MSMS '89, Stephanie Koch Dinunzio, BG/MSMS '93 along with their mom, Carol Koch. Widely respected for his expertise in the game of soccer, his understanding of the term "student-athlete" and his belief in the empowerment of female athletes are his greatest contributions (legacies). Coach Leo insisted that his female athletes presented themselves in the highest regard – representing the core values of Mount Saint Mary and Bishop Guertin both in the classroom and on the field. A true proponent of sportsmanship, his teams were renowned for hard play and respect for opponents. He fostered a spirit of strength and independence with his female athletes believing that worth and importance is not based on gender but rather on heart and determination.

Criteria:

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current student who is held in good standing and who plans to contribute to the overall Bishop Guertin community. Ideal candidates should be able to display financial need and be willing to fill out the application form. When possible, consideration may be given to a member/participant of the BG soccer program, without regard for athletic potential. This award comes with the expectation that when the recipient is able, he/she will pay it forward.

Essay:

How will you model and inspire others to be great teammates or great classmates?

In order for the Scholarship Committee to give full consideration to all candidates, all information must be complete. Please attach your essay to this application, be sure to include your name and BG ID #.

Name	BG ID #
Applicant's signature	Date
Parent/Guardian signature	Date