

## The Ben Hostelley Memorial Scholarship

2025

Dear Nor-Gwyn Baseball & Softball Family,

We are now in the twenty-fifth year of the Ben Hostelley Memorial Scholarship program that is open only to past and present players of Nor-Gwyn baseball and softball. The most recent recipient of the scholarship was Haley Decker. Past recipients are listed on the scholarship page of the Nor-Gwyn [website](#). The award this year will be \$1500.

Below you will find the scholarship eligibility requirements and an application. The application deadline for this year is **July 1**, 2025, so please review this information without delay.

The scholarship is administered by a 4-member panel of Trustees that select the winner independent of the Nor-Gwyn organization. All inquiries should go to the address listed on the application.

Thanks and good luck.

Ben Hostelley Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees

Anna Cameron

Steven Daley

Alan Warner

George Wicks

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship amount for the year 2025: one award of \$1,500.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must have played baseball or softball in Nor-Gwyn Baseball, Inc. for at least three years, with at least two of those years being at or after the age of 14.
2. Applicant must be age 21 or less on the application deadline to be eligible.
3. Applicant must attend an accredited school of higher education in Fall 2025. Eligible schools include colleges, universities, trade and technical schools. The scholarship will be paid directly to the winner's school.
4. Scholarship awards are for one year only. Past winners of scholarships must reapply to be considered for another scholarship. Scholarships may be awarded to the same person no more than two consecutive years, and no more than four scholarships may be awarded to any one person.
5. Any person to whom a scholarship is awarded must agree to allow his/her photograph and accompanying article to appear in newspapers of general circulation.

Scholarship Program details:

1. The scholarship is an ongoing program at Nor-Gwyn originally endowed by Ben Hostelley and now continues with a gift from long time Nor-Gwyn patrons Steve and Anna Cameron.
2. Additional donations to the program will be accepted and 100% of the money will fund scholarships.
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About Ben Hostelley:

Ben was instrumental in building Nor-Gwyn Baseball, Inc. into what it is today. Throughout his 50 years of involvement in local youth baseball programs, Ben had a significant effect on the lives of many players. Alan Warner, one of these players, remembers Ben's influence:

I first met Gerald "Ben" Hostelley when I tried out for American Legion ball at the Nor-Gwyn baseball field (since renamed in honor of Ben). I was 16 and loved playing ball, but was very unsure of my ability. On this particular day, Ben watched me hit a few balls. "How would you like to play for my team? One of the Connie Mack teams could also use a good hitter."

I played for the two teams all summer, and largely due to Ben's encouragement, I went on to play high school, college, and Perky League ball.

Ben taught his players to play hard but fairly. No finger pointing. Root for your teammates. Run -- run out that ground ball! And run, don't walk onto the field. After the game, he insisted we shake hands with the opposing players. Ben expected the same loyalty from his players as he gave. Nothing upset him more than a player who signed up, played for a few weeks, then dropped out.

After most games, he loaded several of his players into his Cadillac and treated us to a hamburger or ice cream cone. Ben often loaned a player, or former player, his car. He took us around to various colleges before we enrolled. And he cheerfully carted his student-athletes back and forth to college.

Ben was a teacher, a mentor, and most of all, a friend. He had a knack for spotting players that needed a little extra attention. Perhaps a player came from a fatherless home, or had a parent who was ill or too busy to spend much time with his child. He was intensely interested in following the lives and careers of his players.

Now through this scholarship program, Ben will continue to positively affect players from Nor-Gwyn.

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APPLICATION for the Year 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

List each year, coach, and team played for in the Nor-Gwyn Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Character References:

Nor-Gwyn Affiliated \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Accredited school you expect to attend in Fall 2025 (if unsure list all possibilities):

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Educational goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you rate your financial need? Great \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Low \_\_\_\_\_

We may wish to contact you during the selection process (in July). Please provide at least one of the following: Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Hostelley set high standards for sportsmanship and devoted much of his life to the Nor-Gwyn Organization. Please **attach an essay** (maximum 2 pages) describing your sense of fair play and your commitment to community service (examples are critical). Including a list of academic achievements, GPA, and community service activities is recommended.

Direct any questions and return the info requested on the application and the essay to:

hostelleyscholarship@yahoo.com

Or

Nor-Gwyn Baseball & Softball

Attn: Hostelley Scholarship

P.O. Box 1476

North Wales, Pennsylvania 19454

Application must be received by **July 1, 2025**. Winner will be notified by August 1, 2025.