



Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarship

2024 Scholarship Application

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations! You have been nominated for the Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarship. One senior student-athlete from each of the Methacton High School boys and girls soccer teams will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship (\$6,000 total). The scholarships are awarded in Marc's memory on behalf of FC Montco (formerly Methacton United Soccer Club) and will be presented at the Methacton High School Awards Program in May.

Marc J. Small was a Lower Providence resident and played soccer throughout his youth for Methacton United Soccer Club and Methacton High School. Marc was a Special Forces Medical Sergeant serving with the United States Army in Afghanistan. On February 12, 2009, Marc was killed in action in service to our grateful nation.

Marc became a medic with the Army's Special Forces to care for his comrades in arms, as well as some of the poorest, most oppressed people on earth. As evidence to his intelligence, motivation, and courage, Marc quickly rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, learned the invaluable skills necessary to care for soldiers and civilians, and earned the coveted "Green Beret." Marc had only been in Afghanistan for 3 weeks when he was killed, but during that time, he treated 40 patients per day and built important relationships with the local people and children.

To honor Marc's memory, FC Montco sponsors the annual Marc J. Small Memorial Soccer Tournament. This small-sided soccer tournament focuses on elements that were an important part of Marc's personality and life: strength, bravery, and character. All proceeds from the tournament fund the two Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded annually to a male and a female senior from the Methacton High School soccer teams who have played for FC Montco.

To apply for the scholarship please complete the enclosed application and return it by March 29, 2024 to scholarship@fcmontco.org. All applications should be submitted electronically in order for applicant names to be redacted before they are reviewed by the selection committee. However, if they must be physically mailed, please use the address below and send a notification to the above email address.

FC Montco
Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 435
Eagleville, PA 19408

Best regards,

Pete Maxwell
President
FC Montco

Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarship Information

NAME OF AWARD: Marc J. Small Memorial Scholarship

SPONSOR: FC Montco

AWARD: Two (2) annual awards to one male and one female from Methacton High School soccer teams, a cash scholarship, a certificate of recognition, a plaque, and a listing on the perpetual plaque at Methacton High School. Upon award, the scholarship check will be made out to both the individual recipient and the destination educational institution.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Student must have been a player, referee, and/or coach with FC Montco and met at least one of the following:
 - for at least 3 years (any age)
 - Volunteered more than 12 hours to the MJS Tournament OR
 - Volunteered more than 15 hours to the community in any capacity related to youth sports
- Student must be a Senior
- Student must complete the enclosed application
- Methacton HS Soccer Head Coach to submit a letter of reference to scholarship@fcmontco.org.
- FC Montco coach to submit a letter of reference to scholarship@fcmontco.org.
NOTE: Contact information for FC Montco coaches should be requested, if needed.
- Student must submit a letter of reference from someone other than above coaches.
- Student must submit one or more photos, preferably of him/her in action on the soccer field, to be used to identify and promote the scholarship winners in various media.
- This scholarship is available to any individual who seeks to attend any bona fide educational institution that follows high school.

SELECTION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Two (2) members of Marc J. Small's family
- FC Montco President and another FC Montco Executive Council member.
In the event of a conflict of interest with the FC Montco committee members, another FC Montco representative will be substituted.
- To avoid potential conflicts of interest, all applications and references will be reviewed by the committee without the inclusion of the name of the player or other personally identifying information.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded based on:

- Responses on Application
- Input from the Head Coach of the appropriate Methacton High School soccer team
- Input from the Coach of the player's FC Montco team
- Letter of reference
- History of volunteering at the Marc J. Small Memorial Tournament or in other capacities related to youth sports
- The determining factors for the award are the demonstration of strength, bravery, and character both on and off the soccer field. The award is not based on academic or soccer ability.

APPLICATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/Q9bykZktT7P9zC4E9>

APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS

November 1, 2023

APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS

March 29, 2024

SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

May 22, 2024 at Methacton High School Awards Night

