



DAVID L. NYCUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024 – 2025

David Nycum was a local resident and active member of the Hagerstown YMCA for most of his adult life. Among other pursuits, he played in a men's basketball league, played competitive table tennis and racquetball, and began his love of pickleball at the Y. He also served on the committee to oversee the installation of the Y's outdoor pickleball courts. David became a competitive pickleball player and certified coach and medaled in numerous tournaments, twice qualifying for the National Senior Olympics.

Tragically, David collapsed on July 14, 2020, at the age of 63, suffered extreme brain damage, and passed away on July 26. His presence is greatly missed by all who knew him. Memorial donations in his name led to the outdoor court seating area and the first annual David L. Nycum Memorial Pickleball Tournament, held at the YMCA on September 17-19, 2021, to benefit the David L. Nycum Memorial Scholarship.

Each of our scholarship recipients receives a \$1,000 scholarship toward higher education and their photo displayed for one year after their award. Additionally, recipient names are engraved on a plaque which hangs outside the program rooms that house the Y's pickleball courts.

Scholarship Recipients:

2021 – 2022	Jack Martin, North Hagerstown High School
2022 – 2023	Hope Burleson, Smithsburg High School
2023 – 2024	Major Warren IV, St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School

Educational Institution:

Wake Forest University
Hagerstown Community College
Villanova University

All applicants for this scholarship are graduating juniors or seniors affiliated with the Hagerstown YMCA in some capacity—as employees, as part of a team or program, as participants in a Y class or activity, or as family affiliates.

The criteria to apply for this scholarship is as follows:

- Applicant(s) must be actively involved in the YMCA—as employee, team or program member, participant in a class or activity, or family affiliate;
- Applicant(s) must be a high school graduating junior/senior and have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0;
- Applicant(s) must plan to attend a 4-year university, 2-year college or trade school of higher education, and the scholarship funds will apply towards this institution.

The application will be reviewed and recipient selected by a committee consisting of YMCA staff and David L. Nycum Memorial Pickleball Tournament Committee members. Applications need to be returned to the YMCA by Saturday, April 19.

The committee also welcomes your interest in becoming a sponsor of this tournament to fund additional yearly scholarships. This year's tournament will be held on September 12 - 14, 2025.

Sponsorship checks may be made payable to the YMCA of Hagerstown, appropriated to the David L. Nycum Tournament, and mailed to:

**YMCA of Hagerstown
1100 Eastern Blvd N
Hagerstown, MD 21742
301-739-3990**

Thank you for your interest and support,
David L. Nycum Memorial Pickleball Tournament Committee

DAVID L. NYCUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print your answers legibly.

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

3. Daytime Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

4. Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender: _____

5. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (on a 4.0 scale)

Attached proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.

6. Name and location of High School currently attending: _____

7. Answer the following questions:

A. List any academic awards, honors, and membership activities while in high school: _____

B. List any hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and school-related volunteer activities: _____

C. List any non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community: _____

8. A. If known, list the university, college, or trade school you will be attending: _____

B. If not known at this time, list your top 3 choices of institutions of higher education: _____

9. On a separate sheet please write legibly or type an essay (500 words minimum) incorporating the following questions:

Why are you deserving of the David L. Nycum Memorial Scholarship? What qualities do you possess that make you a valuable YMCA employee, team member or program participant? How will you use the knowledge or skills you have gained through your affiliation with the Hagerstown YMCA after you graduate from high school?

10. Include a written recommendation by one of your high school teachers. This recommendation cannot be written by your guidance counselor.

Statement for Accuracy for Students

I hereby affirm that the above-stated information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I (and my parents/guardians) consent that if selected as a scholarship recipient, my photo may be taken and used as part of the promotion of the David L. Nycum Memorial Scholarship (winner may waive photo due to extenuating circumstances).

I hereby understand that if selected as a scholarship recipient according to the established criteria, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception in April, 2022 to receive my David L. Nycum Memorial Scholarship.

I hereby understand that if selected as a scholarship recipient according to the established criteria, it is my responsibility to remit to the YMCA the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to the educational institution of my choice.

I hereby understand that I will not submit the application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility requirements will not be considered for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Statement of Support by High School Guidance Counselor

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by the David L. Nycum Memorial Pickleball Tournament Committee and that I support this application.

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guidance Counselor Name (printed): _____

High School: _____

Contact Information: Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checklist

_____ Application	_____ Essay	_____ Applicant Signature	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature
_____ Guidance Counselor Signature	_____ High School Transcript	_____ Teacher Recommendation	