 **Rockaway Rockets Fred West Legacy Scholarship**

This scholarship is given by the Rockaway Rockets Football Association and is named in honor of Fred West. Fred has been a volunteer in the Rockets program for over 25 years serving in numerous capacities including head coach, division coordinator and coaches review board member. His tireless dedication to the children in Rockaway Township is unmatched. This scholarship is given to the player and cheerleader that have shown a commitment to academics, football, cheerleading, and community involvement during their time as a Rocket and in high school. They have always worked hard to improve themselves, make their teammates better and contribute to the community.

This scholarship is issued annually as follows - $500 one-time award to four students (one football player and one cheerleader from both Morris Hills and Morris Knolls). If there are no candidates that meet all the below criteria, then the funds for that scholarship will be put back into the Rockets general fund.

The criteria for the scholarships are as follows:

* Must have played/cheered a minimum 3 years with the Rockets, with one of those years being their 8th grade season
* Must have played/cheered at their respective high school for 3 years, with one of those years being their senior season
* Must have been academically eligible to participate in high school extracurricular activities throughout their 4 years in high school
* Will have to submit a one page essay as to why they should receive the scholarship including information about their academics, football/cheer experience, and volunteer activities

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Candidate’s applications will be judged, and winners will be selected by a scholarship committee comprised of the President, Corporate Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, Directors of Football, Cheer and Boosters, and/or any other Executive Board members.  If any of those individuals have a child that submits for the scholarship they are not allowed to comment on or vote for the winner of that particular scholarship. The committee will evaluate the applicants based on their application essay, including academics, playing/cheering experience and volunteer activities.

Once the winners have been chosen, a brief ceremony will be held to present the winners with their awards at the annual Punt Pass Kick event in June.

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To be considered, please complete the following page:

NAME of APPLICANT:

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED:

YEARS in the ROCKET’S PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS in the HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/CHEER PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE ALL 4 YEARS?: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please write a one page essay explaining the reason(s) you should be considered for this award, including any volunteer activities or community services.

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