

I am extremely grateful to the MONEY Athletic Foundation for the generous gift of a scholarship to me. I am pleased to honor Mikail Russo's memory in this way. I feel that going to this field hockey camp is a great opportunity for me and that I will get a lot out of it.

--Anna

I wanted to thank you once again for the money that was given to Desiree and Deanna. They were a wonderful addition to our middle school camp squad and they played a major role in the honor of their team being named "Top Team" in the middle school division on the last day of camp. This is a wonderful thing that you are doing for the young people in our community. Thank you so much!

--Rockland Cheering Coach, Mary Sidelinger

Thank you for helping Zachary attend our Windjammer Basketball Camp this summer. Your support is very much appreciated and a blessing to the many who receive your gifts.

--Windjammer Basketball Camp

I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and my family for the more than generous scholarship that you have given me. I will enjoy the camp very much.

--T.C.

Thank you very much for the scholarship to go to the Pine Tree Basketball Camp. I enjoyed the camp very much. I don't know if I could have gone without the scholarship. I was the MVP of my division in the camp. Thank you again.

--Ben

I appreciate greatly the help you have given me through the Money Foundation. Hopefully what I have and will learn from Ed's camps will be worthy of the support offered in Mikail's name. I'll do my best.

Beyond any doubt what I have learned from Ed will give me the chance to make an impact at Falmouth in the 2002-2003 season. Again your assistance is the cornerstone to any success I have this year. Thank you.

--Trevor

I really thank you for awarding me this scholarship. I really love baseball and I hope to improve on my skills. It's really good that you're giving kids that don't have the financial resources to participate. If I ever make MLB I will be sure to give money to donations around the world.

--Noah

I want to thank you for supporting my interest in soccer. Your generosity allowed me to attend the Maine Soccer School last week. I had a great experience there. I will practice the skills I learned there at home and in future games. Thanks again for supporting me in my athletics. It means a lot to me that you do, because I enjoy the challenges and benefits of being involved in sports.

--Erika

I just got back from my week at basketball camp. I had fun and learned a lot. Thank you for the scholarship.

--Andrew

I am very grateful for the three hundred dollars you awarded to me. Now I can go to Dutch Soccer Academy with many friends and learn new skills. I plan to work on my ball control skills and overall to just have fun. Also I'll get a free soccer ball for signing up early. Thank you again for your generous gift.

--Andy

After basketball camp, I've been doing a lot of basketball. I went to the YMCA every day and I have gotten a lot better at my ball handling. My defense has improved because my coach is very strict about defense.

Sometimes I shoot around outside my mom's or my dad's house, just to get better. Even in winter I shoot around outside. I need to improve on my post up moves. The reason why is because every time I get the ball in the post, I'm not sure what to do to a shot off without getting stuffed or without them stealing the ball away from me.

I was a part of a championship team and I was fortunate to play an important role for my coach, Terrance Fitzpatrick.

--Casey

I am a student of Camden Hills Regional High School (freshman). I love the game of basketball, and I'm hoping I can go to the UMO basketball camp this summer. I hope I can get a scholarship to go, since I can't really afford it.

I'm a good player with a lot of skills and experience. I have been playing the game since I was 8 years old. I'm quick, strong, good at rebounding, good at free throws, driving to the basket, and good at defense. I would like to improve my field goals, ball handling, passing, and the way I see the floor. I played a lot of minutes on Paul MacDonald's freshman team. We went 14-2. I am a good student too. I work very hard at everything I do, and accept it whether I play 2 minutes in a game, or 25. I'm always determined to improve.

--Cody

Thank you very much for your kind generosity. I am really looking forward to attending field hockey camp this summer and am extremely grateful to you for helping me accomplish my goals as a field hockey player. I appreciate the time and effort that the MONEY Athletic Foundation puts in to help make dreams become realizations for young athletes. Thank you so much.

--Anna

In the past, thanks to your generosity, I have been able to attend the University of Maine Orono's field hockey camp. I had a wonderful time at this camp last year and I felt that it really helped me improve my field hockey skills and prepared me for the school season. This summer, I am once again asking for your assistance . . . I want to improve my skills as a field hockey player so that next year when I join Camden Hills Regional High School, I will be able to play for my school. Field hockey is the only sport that I play so it is important to me that I do the best that I can at it. I really benefited from the high quality instruction and total immersion experience in field hockey at the camp in Orono.

In addition, I am anxious to attend the local camp. I want the opportunity to learn along side my teammates and build a strong team. This is also a chance for me to work with world class players and I would appreciate any help which you can provide. I came from a single parent family and my mother is looking for a job. I really enjoy playing field hockey and these camps give me a chance to improve my skills, but also to have some fun while I learn. The tuition that I owe is to a camp at the University of Maine

I really appreciate all of the work that your foundation has done that makes it possible for kids like me to take part in activities that we enjoy and can learn from.

--Anna

Thank you for the scholarship to University of Maine baseball camp. I really appreciate it. I had a great time at camp and learned a lot of things about fielding, hitting, and pitching. Thanks again!!

--Philip

I would personally like to thank your for awarding me a scholarship to attend the World Camp USA, that is coming to Camden Hills Regional high School this summer.

I have been playing field hockey for about a year and being able to attend the World Camp USA will improve my ability to play the sport . . . A LOT! I came from an outlying school, where field hockey was not offered, and this opportunity to learn more about it is one that not all kids are presented with, and I am truly appreciative. I will write again to let you know how the camp went. Thank you so much!

--Laura

Thank you for the scholarship. Camp was fun. I played lots of games like golf. How to play golf is someone puts tape on the floor, you shoot from the tape. You have four shots to make the shot. Baseball, there are four cones. One cone is a base, the second cone is a double, the third cone is a triple, and the fourth cone is a home run.

I also learned some skills like the Z pass. I watched the movie of Erskine winning the Gold Ball. We played basketball against each other. We had two quest speakers. One talked to us about staying healthy. And the other one talked about being a good basketball player and gave out awards and we played Simon Says. Thanks again.

--Sam

Thank you for the money for camp. P.S. I learned a lot.  
--Love, Neil

I would like to thank you all for making my great experience at basketball camp possible.  
Thank you for giving us the money to go to camp!  
--Crystle

I had an awesome time at basketball camp. We scrimmaged a lot, and played a lot of knockout. It was so fun. Thank you for sending me there. Thanks again!  
--Morgan

Thank you for your donation for my trip to tennis camp. I learned many new skills and techniques. Thank you once again.  
--Katherine

Thank you very much for the scholarship money to attend Soccer Plus Camp. I appreciate the scholarship money and will make sure it is well spent. Soccer Plus Camp is a very good goalkeeping school and will be great for me to attend again this year. The money that you have awarded me will allow me to pursue my strong desire to be a varsity goalkeeper at G.V.H.S. When I attend Soccer Plus this summer I will have the MONEY Athletic Foundation foremost on my mind.

I believe all of the fundraisers that you do are wonderful, including the Home Run Derby you just hosted in Camden, I was unable to attend but thought it was a great opportunity to raise money in memory of Mikail R. Russo.

Thank you again for awarding me this scholarship.  
--Jake

Thank you for the athletic scholarship, your help made it so that I could play Babe Ruth baseball. My team went to the championship of the division. Thank you again for this opportunity to play.  
--Andrew

I received a scholarship to go to Colby Basketball Camp early this spring. I went to Colby Basketball Camp a few weeks ago and enjoyed it very much. At the beginning of the week everyone in camp filled out a sheet of three areas they wanted to improve in. My goals included improving my weak hand dribble, foul shots, and post defense. I felt I strengthened in all these areas while working with bigger, better players and the great coaches of the Pine Tree Basketball Camp. At the end of the week my team was awarded the league championship and I was awarded most improved player on my team. Going to this camp was a great experience. Thank you again for awarding me this scholarship; it wouldn't have been made possible without you.  
--Yates

I am writing to you to thank you for the scholarship that I received to attend Lehigh Swim Camp. I enjoyed the week and learned a lot. There were many corrections I received, that I don't think I would have realized by myself.

I received many corrections in my butterfly and my breaststroke. By the end of the week I was awarded *Excellence in Breaststroke* in the camp. They said I had improved a lot and my breaststroke looked great.

We also were able to meet with a swimmer in the area who was going to the Olympic tryouts. He taught us a new way to stretch. Instead of lengthening the muscle you contract it and apparently all the Olympic swimmers use it.

I am always pleased with the progress I make there in just five days. I think that I will have good swimming times this year. I can't wait till the swimming season starts.  
--Tyler

This year, I got a scholarship from you to go to UMO basketball camp. I wanted to thank you for it because I learned a lot, had fun, and saw a lot of people I know there. What I learned will do me a lot of good for my basketball season. I will probably want to go back there next year. Thanks.  
--Cody

Thank you for the scholarship. I learned a lot at UMO basketball camp. Every time I do a spin dribble my left (or right) arm flies around me and hits my defender and it is called an offensive foul. I took control of that and I don't do it anymore.

I learned the triple threat. I use it in one-on-one with my brother. I do a lot better with it.

I saw a lot of people I know there and made new friends.

I hope this will put me in the starting line-up next year.  
--Casey

Thank you for sending me to softball camp at the University of Maine in Orono. I am sure I am going to have a great time and learn a lot. Going to this camp means a lot to me. I am also a lot closer to achieving my dream. See you at Fenway Park!  
--Jessie

Now retired from my position as Varsity Cheerleading Coach at RDHS, I want to take a moment to thank you for the help and support that you have extended to so many of my athletes over the years. It has not gone unnoticed.  
Mary Sidelinger

Thank you so much for making it possible to play on my premier soccer team. This is a great opportunity for me to learn many things about my favorite game. I have learned more about soccer, and my skills have improved.

I am very excited because we have just started the outdoor season and had a few games out of doors too. The coaches are excellent and know the game very well. The other children on the team are very talented.

Thank you again, I love playing on the team.  
--Henry

Sending a kind note of thanks for all that you've done. Thanks so much for the baseball glove and cleats.  
--Cody and Wes

I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to make this opportunity possible for me. I am eager to explore a new country and compete against international teams. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.  
--David

Thank you very much for the funds for my registration on the Sailfish swim team. I've already started practicing and I'm working very hard. I'm looking forward to a fun year of competitive swimming. My goal is to qualify for Age Group Championships and New England Championships at the end of the year. This scholarship will help me reach these goals. Again, thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.  
--Alyssa

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to attend Brian Ainscough Soccer Academy. I appreciate your generous award. Enjoy your summer.  
--Matty

I just wanted to say thank you for all the money you have donated to me. I didn't expect the help, but I really appreciate it.

I am leaving July 9<sup>th</sup> to go to Virginia Beach for National Futures Tournament. Then, on July 29<sup>th</sup> I'll be leaving for Maryland for camp, which is one of my top college choices. I want to attend University of Maryland and compete on that field hockey team.

I will write to you when I get back from Virginia and tell you how I did. I can't thank you enough.  
--Kallie

I wanted to write to let you know how I did this summer at my field hockey events.

I did extremely well in Virginia. I got chosen for the Junior Olympics, which I could not attend. I also got chosen for the Olympic Development Select Trials. I did attend this at Penn State University. It was a huge honor. I played and learned with 50 other athletes while being coached by the USA National Coaching Staff. Since I was selected to the ODS Trials, I get to participate at the National Futures Tournament in Virginia with the under 19 team next year. I am very excited about this because the competition is exceptional.

At University of Maryland, for field hockey camp, I learned a lot. I didn't realize how much I learned until I got home and started practices using the new techniques and moves.

Thank you for helping me get to these places. I really appreciate all your support.

--Kallie

Thank you for your generous help that will enable Alex to attend football camp this summer. I look forward to writing again on his return to let you know all the great things he's learned. Thank you again.

--Parents of Alex

I just wanted to let you know that I received your donation and how much I appreciated it. The MONEY Athletic Foundation was extremely generous paying for the registration fee. Field hockey really does mean a lot to me and I can't wait to go play. I will definitely let you know how I make out. I think my mom plans to write a letter to the local papers thanking everyone who helped me raise the money to go to the National Futures Tournament. I believe she said she'd like to do it when we get back from our trip. Once again, thank you very much!

Your foundation is very kind and generous and much appreciated!

--Brittney

My apologies for not writing sooner, I'd like to express my gratitude and appreciation for your contribution to my fees for the Brian Ainscough Soccer Academy. The camp was a great experience, and it improved my soccer skills. I had a successful season with Mt. View High School, making it to the playoffs for the first time in six years. I also started Varsity for the second year in a row as a sophomore.

--Alex

Thank you so much for your generous assistance to help me attend UMaine Field Hockey Camp. If it was not for foundations like this one, I would miss out on many wonderful opportunities. I am very thankful for the work that you do and really appreciate the special efforts that you make so that people can have a chance to participate in enriching activities that improve their athletic skills. I am very grateful to you for this scholarship; thank you.

--Anna

I wanted to thank you for your donation allowing me to go to field hockey camp. I had a great experience and a lot of fun at Hebron Academy. I look forward to putting my new field hockey skills into motion this season. The camp itself was nice and small. There was a total of 30 girls at the camp, so I was able to get a lot of one-on-one time with the counselors. I was able to get to know everyone and I even got closer to three of my teammates. My night team won all there games except one, which made us the best team. Again, thank you for your wonderful donation to help make me a better athlete.  
--Jenna

I am sorry that it has taken so long to reply. When the annual newsletter came in the mail, it served as a reminder towards writing the foundation a letter. I have been very busy between school work, soccer, basketball, and snowboarding. My high school basketball season has recently come to an end. The basketball camp I attended at Colby College this summer, with the help of the foundation, made my basketball season very enjoyable. The coaching I received at camp has brought me to yet another level of play. The progress I have made this year has prepared me for upcoming years of basketball. With practice I hope to be a key player in the '04-'05 season. I find myself wishing that the season had not ended so soon, although I am glad that tennis and baseball season will be starting shortly. Thank you  
--Josh

Thank you very much for the money towards the basketball camp I went to. I had a lot of fun, learned a lot of things, and made many new friends. I'm sorry it took me so long to write this, but I wanted to thank you.  
--Jared

I had a great time at the Thomas College Soccer Camp. I won 3 out of 4 medals. Thanks for the scholarship that made it possible.  
--Henry

Thank you so much for giving me money from the MONEY Foundation to help me attend this summer's UMaine baseball camp. I now have a great opportunity that I wouldn't have had without your help. I am looking forward to this camp a lot, and hope to gain a lot from it. Thanks for all of your help.  
--Michael

Thank you for your generous donation to aid me in my trip to Holland this summer with Sports Tours USA. I am honored that I was chosen to receive this scholarship from a very worthy organization.

When I return from my trip, I will send you another letter with pictures and some information pertaining to how the tournament went for our team. Again, I would like to thank you very much for this donation.  
--Aaron

Thank you for the scholarship. I had a great time at the Colby Soccer Camp. I learned a lot and made many new friends. Please let me know of any upcoming fund raisers my family and I would be happy to help.

--Katherine

Thank you for a great donation towards baseball camp at USM. I had a great time.

The food was great and the learning experience was even better. I learned a lot of mechanics for pitching and infield at USM. My hitting also improved a lot. The camp also had a ping-pong table which made it twice as fun. Overall I had a great time!!!!  
Thanks again for a wonderful time!

--Philip