

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thomas M. Nichols Scholarship Award

Thomas M. Nichols was an avid fan and staunch supporter of high school and professional hockey in the Rochester area. And even though he was one of the owners of the Rochester Americans Hockey Club, he had a somewhat different outlook on winning, as well as other important things.

Take team participation, for example. He respected athletes for their willingness to try and their dedication to working hard. He admired those who gave every game their best shot and delivered 110 percent of their effort, more than players who had natural talent but didn't use it.

In memory of Tom Nichols and his winning philosophy, the Nichols family, the legal firm of Harris, Beach & Wilcox, and the Rochester Americans Hockey Club created the Thomas M. Nichols Scholarship Award. This award makes it possible to honor the graduating Section Five High School hockey player who has consistently put forth maximum effort on behalf of his team each year.

The scholarship award recognizes the player's efforts, more than natural ability. This means the award is earned by a graduating senior who has worked as hard as possible, and has given the game 110 percent effort.

The scholarship award will be applied to tuition costs at the recipient's chosen college. Of course, the scholarship complies with all NCAA rules.

Nominations for the scholarship are made by coaches, who each single out one candidate from their own team and up to three others on other teams within the league.

The Thomas M. Nichols Scholarship Award may not be a "most valuable player" award in the strictest sense. But to Tom Nichols, no player was more valued than the one who gave his all. And that's what this scholarship is all about.

NOMINATION							
PLAYER NAME:				TEAM:			
	last	first	initial				
HOME ADDRESS:							
	legal address		city/town		state	zip	
			EMAIL:				

This candidate should be considered because (Note: nominations must be legible and detailed):