



## Wayne Steffenhagen

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Wayne Steffenhagen was the head football coach at D.C. Everest High School from 1978–2010. During his tenure, Everest won 16 conference championships, 14 conference runner up titles, five State Football Championships (in 1981, 1983, 1989, 1998, and 2003) and was runner up in 1996. He also coached track and won one runner up and two State Track Championships as an assistant coach.

Wayne was known as “Coach” to many, and was an inspiration to countless students and athletes over the years. He encouraged them to become the best version of themselves – often seeing assets and talents they were unaware of in themselves. He never believed in “lowering the bar” because he knew if you kept it high, the student/athlete would always accept the challenge of reaching it.

Wayne loved working with young athletes and enjoyed watching their growth, development, and improvement. Good communication and building relationships were always the driving forces. He often repeated, “I feel lucky and blessed to have had the opportunity to teach and coach so many quality young men.”



## WAYNE STEFFENHAGEN MEMORIAL FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

This scholarship is awarded annually to a D.C. Everest High School graduating senior who has played Evergreen football during high school and plans to pursue a post-secondary education in any field following graduation.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Students that are eligible for consideration of this award must:

- Have played D.C. Everest football for 3 years and be a varsity letter winner;
- Exhibit good character, work ethic, integrity, and community involvement;
- Have had no athletic code violations during their high school career (refer to the current DCE Athletic Handbook);
- Have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or greater;
- Plan to attend a college, university, or technical/trade school within 6-months of graduation from high school.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for consideration, students must complete the general application for scholarships at their high school. Contact the guidance office for application materials and the deadline.

The student will be asked to provide an academic transcript as well as two letters of recommendation, one from a coach and one from an academic teacher. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

The applicant will be asked to provide an essay (no more than 500 words) that addresses the following:

- Talk about your high school football experience (why did you play football, what did you like about the sport, and what were some memorable moments or events that stand out to you?)
- Highlights of any high school football honors received (for example: team captain, conference recognition, state honors, etc.)
- How will your football experience help you in your life beyond high school?
- List of community service groups and/or extracurricular activities you were involved in.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced at their high school senior awards ceremony in the spring.

### PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation, after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to acknowledge the donor and receive their scholarship funding.

The student must provide proof of registration to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. The Foundation will make payment directly to the school the student will be attending.

