**2024 MIKE NISHIO STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Mike Nishio Student-Athlete Scholarship** is awarded in memory of Coach Nishio—student, teacher, coach and Athletic Director at C.K. McClatchy High School. Coach Nishio was a 1963 CKM graduate and All-City halfback for the 1960-62 CKM Hall of Fame football teams coached by the late George Bican, who inspired him to become a coach.

After teaching and coaching in other SCUSD schools, he proudly accepted a position at CKM teaching Physical Education and coaching several sports, including coaching his daughter Cindy, in tennis, and his son, Matt, in freshman basketball.

Coach Nishio felt he was most effective teaching freshman boys’ fundamental basketball skills. For sixteen years, the Nishio (Frosh), Klopp (JV), Tahara (Varsity) CKM boys basketball program gained the reputation for developing players who displayed the “Lion spirit” of hard work, perseverance, persistence, loyalty, tenacity, learning from mistakes, and intelligent teamwork.

During his tenure as Athletic Director, Coach Nishio was known for making decisions based on what he felt was fair, always guided by common sense values.

Coach Nishio was a founding member of the CKM Restore the Roar organization and 2013 CKM Athletic Hall of Fame recipient. In January 2016, the previous Center Court Lion was mounted on the gymnasium wall and dedicated to his memory.

This Memorial Scholarship is designed for high school senior student-athletes who have developed characteristics of the “Lion spirit” throughout his/her student-athlete career at CKM.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** $1,500; Lesser Amounts May Also Be Available

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** This Scholarship is open to any C.K. McClatchy High School student-athlete who:

* Is a June 2024 graduating Senior
* Played a CKM sport for at least two years\* in the same sport
* Displayed good sportsmanship and “Lion Spirit”, as verified by a CKM coach
* Has an unweighted minimum GPA of 2.5
* Plans to attend either a four year college or university, community college, or trade school

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

* Student Application Form
* Official Sealed Transcripts (note: transcripts cannot be ordered during Spring Break)
* One Letter of Recommendation from a CKM Coach, Teacher, Counselor, Staff Member or Mentor
* Essay: 750 words or less, typed
* Personal Interview

**\***Requirement for 3 years of the same sport temporarily changed to 2 years due to Covid cancellations. The 3 years requirement will resume in 2025.

All forms must be postmarked no later than ***Wednesday*** **April 17, 2024**

***Interview Saturday, April 27, 2024***

**For scheduling purposes, please inform us of prior time commitments for April 27th**

**MIKE NISHIO STUDENT-ATHLETE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM – JUNE 2024**

Name: Date of Birth:

Address: City/Zip

Email: Phone C: H:

Student ID# Unweighted GPA

List Sports played at CK McClatchy (with coach name & contact #)

Freshman Year

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sophomore Year

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Junior Year

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

Senior Year

Sport: Coach/Contact: Dates:

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List Extracurricular/community activities or interests, work history, achievements/awards, with dates:

Colleges, universities, or trade schools you are considering, or plan to attend:

ESSAY (750 words or less) typed separately

Think of a memorable game or athletic situation (your own or one you watched) that helped you discover that sports could be a method to help you navigate life. Describe when and where the situation occurred and who was involved. Tell what you learned and how it helped you realize core lifetime values such as sportsmanship, fair play, hard work, family or friendship.

Submit all completed forms listed under APPLICATION PROCEDURE by April 17, to:

Ms. Aileen Nishio using any of the below:

* amnishio@sbcglobal.net
* call/text 916-798-9269
* deliver to Ms. Vicki Geddes at the College and Career Center by end of school day Wednesday, April 17
* USPS mail postmarked by April 17 (see address below)
* drop off at 5654 Delcliff Circle, Sacramento 95822

**PLAN AHEAD:** Spring Break is March 25-29; the Registrar’s Office is closed to request transcripts. Also as a courtesy, give writers sufficient prior notice when asking for a Letter of Recommendation**. ALL required forms must be included on the April 17 deadline.**