

ABOUT CHACE NUMATA

Chace Numata was a switch-hitting catcher with the Erie SeaWolves, the Double-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. He passed away during the 2019 baseball season at the age of 27.

“Numi” played 10 professional seasons in the Phillies, Yankees and Tigers organizations and was a leader on and off the field. He was a talented baseball player and a world-class teammate. It didn’t matter if you were a professional athlete or a young child, Chace made you feel welcome. His smile was contagious and unrelenting, and his fun-loving personality could light up any environment.



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The SeaWolves Community Fund will award a minimum of four (4) \$1,000 scholarships annually to senior student-athletes participating in varsity baseball or softball. Honorees will be selected based on their accomplishments, contributions to a team, and their positive impact on the lives of others.

CANDIDATES

All candidates must be nominated by a teacher or coach. The teacher or coach must provide a letter of recommendation describing the candidate's:

1. Positive impact on the lives of others.
2. Contributions to improving a team.
3. Accomplishments on and off the field.
4. Experiences or traits that make the candidate an exceptional scholarship nominee.

ELIGIBILITY

Student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. College-bound senior currently attending high school and playing varsity baseball or varsity softball in Erie County, PA or Crawford County, PA.
2. Must be attending a 4-year college or university in the fall of 2026; candidate is NOT required to participate in collegiate athletics.
3. Minimum grade point average of 2.5.
4. Demonstrate the value of being a good teammate and a kind, positive influence on others.

There will be no discrimination regardless of gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation. The selection committee will not base its decisions in any way on the employment status of an applicant or the employment status of the applicant's parents/guardians.

TO APPLY

Applications must be **postmarked no later than February 16, 2026** and should include the following:

- Completed application.
- Copy of applicant's official high school transcript.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach.
- An essay of 500 words or less explaining the experiences or traits that make the applicant an exceptional scholarship candidate.

Please remit applications to: SeaWolves Community Fund
ATTN: Numata Scholarship
831 French Street, Erie, PA 16501

Questions may be directed to seawolves@seawolves.com.





Chace Numata Scholarship Application Requirements

Dear SeaWolves Community Fund Selection Committee:

I certify that the following documents are enclosed to be considered for the Chace Numata Scholarship:

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Chace Numata Scholarship Application

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One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher or coach

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Copy of official high school transcript (*leave unchecked if being sent directly to UPMC Park by school*)

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Essay (500 words or less) about experiences or traits that make you an exceptional scholarship nominee

Sincerely,

Name (Please Print)

Signature



Chace Numata Scholarship Essay Requirements

Essay Prompt

Chace Numata was a talented baseball player, but he was also known for being an exceptional teammate and having a positive impact on the lives of others around him. Please share (1) how you have contributed to a team and/or had a positive impact on the lives of others and (2) why your experiences or traits make you an excellent candidate for the Chace Numata Scholarship. Examples are not limited to baseball, softball or other sports.

Guidelines

For consideration as a 2026 scholarship applicant, your essay must adhere to the following guidelines:

- You must address the required essay prompt above.
- The essay must not exceed 500 words.
- All essays must be double-spaced and submitted in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

Winners

Winners will be notified individually on or about May 15, 2026. Please refrain from contacting the SeaWolves Community Fund or Erie SeaWolves front office prior to this date.

Chace Numata Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Are You Currently a Varsity Baseball or Softball Player? _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current School: _____

High School Counselor: _____ Email: _____

College you plan to attend for the 2026-27 academic year:

Use official school name, not an abbreviation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

I have read and understand the information and conditions of the Chace Numata Scholarship program as explained in the attached packet of information. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration for the Chace Numata Scholarship. I affirm that this application and written essay is my own work and that all information provided by me is true and correct and that any false information will automatically disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship. If awarded the scholarship, I understand that I must enroll and attend college by the fall semester for the year following receipt of my award letter.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____