

STEPHEN WEBBER LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Attitude • Perseverance • Strength



Steve was raised in Stockport, Iowa and graduated from Van Buren High School in Keosauqua in 1966. He lettered in baseball, basketball and track. He set several Iowa high school records as a pitcher, including one for the most strikeouts (23) in a seven-inning game, a record which still stands today. After graduating high school, Steve attended Muscatine community College and continued his education and baseball playing career at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, where he pitched for two seasons, including an appearance in 1969 College World Series. Steve received his bachelor's degree from SIU in physical education in 1971 and a master's degree in health education in 1973. In 1971, Steve married the love of his life, Pamela (Mauzy) Webber in Joliet, Illinois. Although drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, he had a passion for coaching and educating. He began his incredibly successful coaching career in 1974 as a pitching coach at Georgia Southern university. In 1976, he was hired as the pitching coach at the University of Florida in Gainesville. In 1980, he was hired as the head coach of the University of Georgia making him the youngest head baseball coach the Southeastern Conference (SEC) at that time. He had the rare distinction of both playing and coaching in a College World Series. Steve was named SEC Coach of the Year in 1987 and National Coach of the Year in 1990. He remains the winningest baseball coach in UGA history. In 1997, Steve began his 21-year professional baseball career with the New York Yankees as a Minor League Pitching Coach and Coordinator of Instruction. He went on to serve as a pitching coach at the Double-A and Triple-A levels for the San Diego Padres and Houston Astros. He retired in 2016 after serving as a pitching consultant and coach for the Atlanta Braves. One of the accolades that meant the most to him was his induction into the Van Buren High School Hall of Fame in 2019. Steve took great pride in being an Iowan and immensely enjoyed his annual visits to see family and friends near his hometown of Stockport. He read the Van Buren County Register weekly to follow VBC Athletes. While Steve's professional accolades were extraordinary, he will be remembered best for his accomplishments off the field. His desire for learning and teaching never stopped. He was incredibly well read and an astute historian of baseball and Iowa history. Steve's greatest legacy was being a life-long teacher and mentor to hundreds of people. He taught each of them how to live a life of integrity, honesty and humility by modeling those character traits, as a leader, friend, brother, husband, father and grandfather.



This scholarship has been established in the amount of \$2,000.00 and will be awarded each year to a Van Buren County senior that meets the following criteria:

- High Academic Achievement
- Student Athlete
- Outstanding character and work ethic
- Demonstrates integrity, honesty, humility and kindness

Complete all sections. Please type or print.

Name _____				
	First	Middle or Initial	Last	
Address _____				
	Street Address or PO Box	City	State	Zip
Phone _____		Email Contact _____		

Sports During High School _____

Cumulative high school GPA _____

What are your most significant extra-curricular high school or community activities that you have been involved in?

****Write an essay describing why YOU are deserving of this scholarship. (maximum of 750 words)**

Please read carefully and sign and date the application.

- Scholarship applications must be submitted to Ms. Thomas in the library
- Scholarship recipients will be notified at the VBC awards ceremony.

Additional items to be included with this application:

1. A copy of your high school transcript
2. A maximum 750-word essay (see above)
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian Signature _____ Date _____