Patricia L. Roy Memorial Scholarship

1938 - 2017

Patricia L. Roy was born in Goshen, Indiana, and reared in Allen County, Indiana, where she graduated from Harlan High School. She earned B.S. and M.A. degrees in the fields of Physical Education, Driver Education, Health, and Business Education from Ball State University. Her service in the area of girls' athletics included appointments as Secretary of the Indiana League of High School Girls Athletic Association, Midwest District Officiating Coordinator, and Indiana United States Gymnastics Federation Chairman. She was named the first IHSAA Director of Girls Athletics on January 1, 1972 where she served as an IHSAA Assistant Commissioner until her retirement in June of 1999.

At a time in the early 1970's, girls' athletic programs were just beginning. Female student-athletes numbering 3,877, participated in the two tournament series during the 1972-73 school year. Pat Roy and other women coaches around the state felt the need to educate the coaches of female athlete, and thus, the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association was founded in 1972.

Pat was certainly a person that cared about the betterment of girls’ athletics across the state of Indiana. Her insight and advice pertaining to key issues that have been addressed by the ICGSA was invaluable. Her leadership and unending service to the ICGSA helped the ICGSA grow to become one the best coaching associations in the country.

Pat was truly a pioneer of girls’ athletics in Indiana. Her administrative skill and courage were the most important factors in gaining the structure needed to advance the girls program and contribute to its phenomenal growth. Under her wise, fearless and strong-hearted leadership girls athletics in the state of Indiana has grown to the level it is today.

Pat's hard work and dedication, without a doubt, were second to none. The ICGSA was truly honored to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding supporter of female athletics. Therefore, the ICGSA Executive Board has established an annual Patricia L. Roy Memorial Scholarship for $2500 to honor her legacy and reward an outstanding female athlete in the state of Indiana.

This athlete should be a well-rounded, positive role model that has demonstrated excellence in athletics, academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship, and citizenship.
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. During the current school year, the student must be enrolled and participating in athletics at an IHSAA member school.

2. The student must be a senior at the IHSAA member school who will graduate during the school year in which the award is being applied for.

3. The student must be a multisport athlete varsity letter winner in the 10 IHSAA-sanctioned girls' athletic programs.

4. The student must be nominated by the principal/AD and one of the coaches must be an ICGSA member.

5. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.00 scale or the equivalent.

6. The student must have no violations of their school's athletic code of conduct.

7. The student must not have been ejected from any IHSAA contest due to unsportsmanlike behavior.

8. The student must verify that he/she has made a commitment to remain substance free throughout high school career.

9. The student must have demonstrated involvement in service to the community and school.

SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS:

Applications for the ICGSA Patricia L. Roy Memorial Scholarship will be initiated through an online process.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. A valid application consists of the following:
   a. Application Form
   b. Official Transcript
   c. One 2” x 3” color photograph of the applicant

2. Applications shall be forwarded by the member school principal/AD to the ICGSA. Incomplete individual applications will not be recognized, nor will they be judged.

3. All applications must be received electronically on the ICGSA website or by mailing the application to Phyllis Tubbs, Awards Chairperson, at Elkhart Memorial High School by April 15.

4. The applications will initially be reviewed by a scholarship screening committee appointed by the ICGSA Executive Board.
5. The current ICGSA Executive Board will make the final determination on the scholarship award winner.

6. The Scholarship recipient will be announced in early May.

7. Questions regarding the scholarship and application can be directed to Phyllis Tubbs, ICGSA Awards Chairperson, at her school email of ptubbs@elkhart.k12.in.us

THE AWARDS:

All scholarship money will be paid directly to the student's college. The scholarship winner must be enrolled at the collegiate institution by October 1 to receive the scholarship award.