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*Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr.*

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*Memorial Endowment Scholarship*

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**Scholarship Amount:**

\$500 per academic year (towards tuition and books) for (1) year to a graduating senior.

**Eligibility:**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school in Vallejo, California. Schools include: Jesse Bethel High, Vallejo High, Hogan High, St. Patrick/St. Vincent High, and North Hills Christian High.
2. Applicant must be admitted or is eligible for admission to a College University.

**Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be involved in athletics at his/her school.
2. Applicant must have earned a high school cumulative GPA of 2.75 at the time of application and must plan to enroll as a full-time student (12 or more units) for Fall Term 2005.
3. Applicant must be involved in some form of community involvement.

**Application Process:**

1. Submit a completed Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr. Memorial Scholarship application.
2. Submit three recommendation letters (one from a teacher, one from an athletic coach, and one from a community member who is not related to the student).
3. Submit copies of high school transcripts and SAT or ACT scores.
4. Submit completed application by: April 29, 2005. Note: Applications that are not complete will not be considered.

**Mail To:** Jesse Bethel High School  
Attn: Pennerman Scholarship  
1800 Ascot Parkway  
Vallejo, Ca. 94591

**Hand Deliver To:** Jesse Bethel High School  
Counselor's Office  
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Vallejo, Ca. 94591

**Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr.**  
**1988 – 2004**

Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr. was born on April 1, 1988, at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo, California to Traci Lynn Shelley and Michael Tracy Pennerman Sr.

Michael began elementary school at Cooper Elementary School, in Vallejo, Ca. He later moved to San Diego, Ca. where he began playing the sport he loved most – football. While in San Diego, Mikey spent a lot of his time with his father, his paternal grandmother, and cousins in the area. Mikey also spent time in the Bahamas with his father.

He started his football career wearing jersey number 9. In between he wore other numbers, but ended his football career wearing number 9 at Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo.

Because Michael's stepfather, Theo Wease, Sr., was in the Navy, he and his family moved from San Diego to North Carolina, then to Fresno, Ca.

While living in Fresno, Mikey attended Sunnyside High School where he played on the freshman and Junior Varsity football teams, being coached by his Uncle Stephen Shelley. At Sunnyside, Mikey excelled as a student athlete maintaining an exceptional grade point average as well as excelling as a Receiver and Defensive Back on the football field.

Michael returned to his home town of Vallejo, Ca. in November, 2003. He finished his 10<sup>th</sup> grade year at Jesse Bethel High School. He played on the both the Junior Varsity basketball and baseball teams. He immediately made friends at Jesse Bethel, and everywhere he went he would become known as "Dawg". In the classroom, Mikey maintained a 3.0 grade point average.

Mikey loved his family. He was very close to his brothers and sisters, in particular, his sister Jasmine and his little brother Theo. Mikey also had a special relationship with his maternal grandmother Karen, as well as a very close relationship with his aunts and uncles. His cousins idolized him. Whenever he would come into a room one of them would run to him and yell his name.

Michael began his junior year and his first year playing Varsity football for the Jesse Bethel Jaguars, being coached by yet another uncle, Phillip Shelley. He once again returned to wearing number 9, his first football jersey. On the football field "Dawg" was having a great season on the varsity team. He was the leading receiver in the city of Vallejo and in the Solano County Athletic Conference. He had 23 catches for 273 yards and 3 touchdowns. On defense he was the captain of the secondary. He would later be voted First team ALL-LEAGUE (SCAC) and ALL-REGION at wide receiver and free safety. Mikey also had just received his first recruiting letter to play college football.

On November 6, 2004, Michael and his Jesse Bethel Jaguars teammates were playing their homecoming game against Rodriguez High at Corbus Field. Michael was doing what he loved, playing high school football with his teammates, when he suffered a severe head injury. Michael passed away on November 7, 2004.

Just like his mother Traci, Mikey was a phenomenal human being. He was extremely intelligent, funny, clever, wise, loving, respectful, and cared a great deal for all people. If he ever saw a homeless individual, he always gave them money. He talked all the time at an early age that he planned to open a homeless shelter big enough where every homeless person could come and have all their needs met. Michael had sympathy and acceptance for everyone.

Michael has left behind a legacy of love and caring that we all should aspire to. With this, we honor Michael's memory in the manner in which he lived his life, by giving.



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*2004 / 2005 Questionnaire*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*2004 / 2005 Narrative*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Educational Intent and/or Goal** – Limit paragraph to 100 words or less.

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*2004 / 2005 Narrative*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Athletic Honors and Awards (begin with freshman year of high school):** After listing honors and awards please **discuss one honor or award that you are most proud of and explain why.** Limit paragraph to 75 words or less.

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Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

- C. Detail of Involvement in Extracurricular School Activities (begin with freshman year of high school):** After detailing extracurricular activities please **discuss one extracurricular activity that is most important to you and why.** Limit paragraph to 75 words or less.

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**D. Detail of Involvement in Volunteer Service: (non-school activities only):**

After listing volunteer service activities please **discuss your most significant act of service.** Limit paragraph to 75 words or less.

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**Recommendation Form**

To the applicant:

Give this form to a teacher, coach, and a community member (not a relative) who can comment on your academic abilities and achievements, and is familiar with your educational and career plans. Submit the recommendations with your application form.

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

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1. Please rate the applicant on the following:

	Below Average	Average	Excellent	No basis for Judging
Interpersonal Skills				
Academic Skills & Knowledge				
Motivation & Perseverance				
Communication Skills				
Leadership				
Self-Esteem & Confidence				
Responsibility & Self-Director				
Contribution to the Community				

2. Please provide written comments regarding why you believe this student is a strong candidate for this award.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contribution to the Community				

4. Please provide written comments regarding why you believe this student is a strong candidate for this award.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Certification and Authorization***  
*Applicant must read and sign below to be eligible*

I certify that all of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application. I understand that the application materials become property of the Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee and cannot be returned. I hereby authorize the Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee to use the information in my application for all purposes related to the scholarship and that the committee may verify the accuracy of such information and disclose the information contained in and submitted with the application, including student transcripts and letters of recommendation to its authorized representatives, including but not limited to the individuals or committees appointed to screen the applications or select scholarship recipients. I consent to the release and disclosure of all such information to the Michael Tracy Pennerman Jr. Memorial Scholarship committee and its authorized representatives.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if student is under the age of 18)

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***APPLICATION PACKET CHECK OFF LIST***

Have you submitted:

- Completed application questionnaire?
- Completed personal narrative?
- All high school transcripts? (Unofficial copies are acceptable)
- Three letters of recommendations?
- Certification and Authorization form?

**Application packet must be postmarked or hand delivered by 3:00 p.m. on  
April 29, 2005.**

**INCOMPLETE AND LATE PACKETS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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