

Norristown Police Athletic League
Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. Scholarship Application

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"I do not believe anyone has had an impact in the Norristown area community as much as Harry. He was extraordinarily generous with his time and was an exceptional philanthropist. He was by any measure a remarkable man...." - James 'Skip' Oliver, Esq., a longtime friend of Harry P. Mirabile.

Harry P. Mirabile, Sr., a well-know businessman and community leader, was born in 1935 and attended local schools. At age 16 he joined the family beverage business that was located on East Main Street in Norristown and worked there for the next 45 years. After the family sold the beverage business, Mr. Mirabile invested in real estate and other business ventures.



But Mr. Mirabile will always be remembered for his generosity. "He never said no to anybody when they needed help..." commented grandson Harry Mirabile. He raised funds for many local groups, including Holy Savior Church, the Columbus Monument in Elmwood Park, Kennedy Kenrick High School, Montgomery and the former Sacred Heart Hospitals, the Norristown Police Athletic League, the Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department, and was the director of the Valley Forge Chamber of Commerce's "Invest in a Cop" which raised funds to buy bulletproof vests for policemen.

His commitment to community service led Mr. Mirabile to serve as an elected official and on many boards. He was elected to the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors for six years, and was board chairman for two years. Mr. Mirabile was on the Board of Directors of the former Commonwealth Bank, served on the advisory board of Lincoln Bank, and was a director emeritus of Penn Liberty Bank. He was a former director of the boards of the Montgomery County Higher Education Association, the Norris City Cemetery, the Greater Norristown Corporation, and Confed Savings and Loan.

An avid golfer, Mr. Mirabile chaired a golf tournament for the benefit of Montgomery County Association for Retarded Citizens (MARC). He was also on the board of directors of the Child Development Foundation, which provides assistance to handicapped children.

Mr. Mirabile was very proud of his Italian heritage. He was a member of the MSS Club, and co-founded the Italian American Heritage Club and Camelot Club in Bridgeport.

He received the Greater Norristown Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1983, the Boy Scouts of America Award, the 2002 Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce 30th Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, and the Penn Liberty Bank Outstanding Community Service Award. Kennedy-Kenrick Catholic High School named their Fine Arts Center after Mr. Mirabile.

Harry Mirabile inspired the idea of revitalizing the former Stewart Armory into the new PAL facility. He was instrumental in starting the fundraising efforts by bringing the community and the businesses together to raise money to run the PAL Center.

Mr. Mirabile believed PAL will help future generations get an education, build character, have structure, and enjoy the facility for games, sports, and other activities.

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Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. Scholarship Information

Thank you for applying for the Norristown Police Athletic League Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. Scholarship. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded each year. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, an applicant must:

- ◆ Be a graduating high school senior or current college undergraduate in good academic standing, i.e. the equivalent of a 2.0 or higher grade point average in a 4.0 system
- ◆ Show involvement at the Norristown PAL over the past two years
- ◆ Have additional community service, which may include school, church, or the community
- ◆ Have been accepted at or currently attending a post-secondary school (college or trade school).

Before your application will be considered, you must submit the following:

1. A completed and signed scholarship application
2. An academic letter of recommendation from a teacher, instructor, professor, etc., at the school you are presently attending, which will be mailed by the person writing the recommendation directly to the Scholarship Committee
3. Your transcript reflecting the most recent semester's grades, which will be mailed directly to the Scholarship Committee by your school.

Mail the above information and forms to:

**The Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. Scholarship
Norristown Police Athletic League
P.O. Box 685
Norristown, PA 19404**

All information must be received by the committee before **May 1, 2008**. Scholarship recipient will be notified by June 1, 2008. The funds will be sent directly to the recipient's school.

Any questions about the scholarship or the scholarship application should be directed to the Norristown PAL Operations Director at 610-278-8040 or at info@norristownpal.org.

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Letter of Recommendation

Name of applicant (*printed*): _____

is applying for the Norristown Police Athletic League's (PAL) Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. Scholarship. As part of the application process, the applicant is requesting that you write a letter of recommendation focusing on his/her academic background. Your recommendation must be mailed to the Scholarship Committee in a stamped, addressed business-size envelope that the applicant will provide to you. The letter of recommendation must be received no later than **May 1, 2008**.

The Committee is interested in your comments about the applicant's desire to learn and to continue his/her education beyond secondary school. If more space is required, please attach additional sheets to this page. Thank you for your time on behalf of the applicant.