Max Emerson Champions Find a Way Scholarship

In loving memory of Max Emerson 1998-2023

Max Emerson began wrestling at the age of 6. Through his sixteen-year career, he excelled as a wrestler leaving an indelible mark on the sport. Max's accomplishments included winning an Individual State Championship, achieving an undefeated season (37-0), and being named the Courier Journal's Kentuckiana Wrestler of the Year. At the University of the Cumberlands, he was a 2-time national qualifier for the NAIA and was recognized as an Academic All-American. In 2020, Max became a teacher at Oldham County High School, where he inspired countless students with his enthusiasm for education and his unwavering support for their success. Max's dedication to wrestling continued as he served as an Assistant Wrestling Coach at his alma mater. The OCHS Wrestling room was his second home and the wrestlers his family. Max had a genuine love for his athletes, students, colleagues, and family, and he cherished the time spent with them. He will be remembered as a champion for the underdog and someone who brought joy and encouragement to all those around him. Max worked tirelessly every day to be a better wrestler, coach, Christian, and friend. He lived by the motto "champions find a way." It is our honor to offer a scholarship in Max's memory to a senior wrestler who embodies Max's spirit and has overcome adversity to find a way to succeed.

Who is eligible? Senior wrestler (male or female) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuing any type of higher education (proof of enrollment to be supplied in fall)

Qualities of the Max Emerson Champions Find a Way Wrestling Scholarship Recipient:

- Hardworking
- Team centered
- Coachable
- Positive "can do" attitude
- Has overcome adversity of some kind
- Loves the sport of wrestling
- Never gives up
- Exemplifies the motto "Champions Find a Way"

Amount: \$1000

How to apply (must include both):

- Coach's letter of recommendation https://forms.gle/TwP8URRHCBBMGfYM6
- Self answered questions https://forms.gle/4vB1mjsgLtsEuf727

Deadline: January 30, 2024 at 12:00 am

Winner will be presented with their award at KHSAA Wrestling State Tournament

Questions? Please contact Chandra Emerson at <u>championsfindawayfoundation1@gmail.com</u>.