

The Larry Minch Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the life and legacy of coach and educator, Larry Minch, a beloved member of the Hilton community whose passion for mentoring young people left a lasting impact.

Larry had a gift for finding the good in every student and helping them believe in themselves, even when they couldn't see it. He pushed students to succeed with gentle but persistent encouragement, always reminding them that their achievements were the result of their own hard work. His unwavering support inspired countless students to realize their potential, many of whom later expressed their gratitude for the pivotal role he played in their lives.

In addition to his work within the school, Larry was deeply involved in Hilton's football program. He was proud to be part of the coaching family led by Rich Lipani, where he emphasized not only the fundamentals of the game but also teamwork, integrity, and character. Even in retirement, Larry continued coaching freshman football, developing lifelong relationships with his athletes and shaping them both on and off the field.

Larry's wealth was measured by the relationships he built and the lives he touched, leaving a legacy of kindness, humility, and service that will never be forgotten.

About the Scholarship:

The Larry Minch Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Hilton High School senior who exemplifies the values that Larry lived by: resilience, teamwork, strong work ethic, and character. This student should have demonstrated a commitment to personal growth, someone who finds joy in lifting others, values relationships over recognition, and strives to leave a positive impact on their community.

Application Requirements:

- A brief essay (500 words or less) describing a challenge the student has overcome and how teamwork or mentorship played a role in their success
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or community leader

The recipient of the Larry Minch Memorial Scholarship will embody Larry's spirit – someone who finds joy in lifting others, values relationships over recognition, and strives to leave a positive impact on their community. Larry's memory will live on through the lives of those he inspired, reminding us that success is not just what we achieve, but who we become along the way.