

Gerald M. Mobus Memorial Scholarship

Jerry Mobus was a lifelong resident of Watchung who devoted his entire adult life to community service. He began as a baseball umpire and basketball referee as a teen-ager and later coached Little League and town basketball teams. He was honored to coach his sons' teams, but even after they had grown up and moved on, he coached baseball and basketball in town and later became the recreation commissioner and the President of the Watchung Little League. He was a longtime volunteer fireman in Watchung, serving as chief in the 1970s. Later in life, he dedicated his time to local government, serving on the planning board and as a councilman, before becoming Mayor of Watchung.

As a 1960 graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School, Jerry had a deep sense of loyalty to his school and the students from all the sending districts and towns. He worked tirelessly with the Watchung Hills Booster Club to rebuild the snack shack and light the athletic fields, and he led the way in the construction of the dugouts on the baseball and softball fields. But perhaps his most notable and memorable contribution was as announcer to the Warriors athletics teams. He began as a volunteer announcing baseball games in the early 1990s and over the next 20 years earned the reputation as the Voice of Watchung Hills Athletics. Jerry took great pride in this commitment, because he firmly believed that our future is in the hands and minds of our youth, and he was devoted to the students of his school.

To honor his memory and inspire young adults to follow his path, the Gerald M. Mobus Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a senior student who emulates Jerry's love of community service. To apply, please submit a short essay of no more than 500 words that describes your efforts to serve your community and help others. You may want to include projects or activities that have benefited your town, school, church, scouting organization, or local youth athletics programs.

Include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

Deadline for submission is Friday, May 10, 2019.

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