

James “Dead Eye” Morris
Scholarship Committee
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Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches:

Dear Coaches:

The Charter Committee for the James “Dead Eye” Sportsmanship Scholarship is pleased to solicit for the applications to this year’s annual scholarship of \$1,000.

This will be awarded at the Spring OVAC Sports Banquet, May 23, 2023. We are requiring that the applicants be received by March 8, 2023, in order to process the applications at our next meeting.

We would like to stress that it is a Sportsmanship Award and a criteria has been formulated and will be followed by the committee in the selection process.

To briefly explain the criteria for the selection process we have prepared this basic formula.

- 30% Credit will be given for the athletes, Scholastic Achievements – GPA, Graduating Class Rank, ACT scores and any special scholastic honors.
- 30% Credit will be given for the athletes Wrestling Achievements – OVAC, Region, District, State Tournament, Overall Career Record, and any other individual or team Accomplishments.
- 40% Credit will be give through an evaluation of the applicant’s Sportsmanship both on and off the mat. This will be determined through this application and will be balloted by the committee that has been involved with OVAC Wrestling for many years. These men are from Ohio and West Virginia and we feel that they are some of the most respected men in OVAC Sports.

We would like to also stress that this is a Sportsmanship Award and does not focus only on the Athletes wrestling successes but on the overall character of the athlete. We hope that each team will have a candidate to apply for this award and welcome any comments for the award.

Again please have the application in our hands on or before March 8, 2023.

Thank you,

Jeffrey S. Morris
Co-Founder of the Scholarship Award