



Nick Madaras Memorial Scholarship

The Kick for Nick Foundation has teamed with the Wilton Soccer Association to establish a pair of \$1,250 scholarships in memory of U.S. Army Private First Class Nick Madaras: a player, coach and referee who was killed in action while serving in Iraq on September 3, 2006. These scholarships are intended to recognize 2 soccer players each year who best embody the leadership, commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork that characterized Nick's contributions to the Wilton High School community and to his country.

Nick was a unique member of the Wilton High School community: his diverse interests ranged beyond soccer to include writing, art and music. His chosen path in life took him in less traditional directions, but gave him many opportunities to grow and inspire others. In whatever he pursued, he gave 110%. Such characteristics, interests and commitment would be considered favorably by the scholarship committee. As a result, the award recipients should make their own unique contributions, rather than being the more typical leaders in a given class.

Candidates for this scholarship will have played on Wilton High School's soccer teams in their junior or senior years; the ideal candidates will also have contributed to the town's soccer programs as a coach, a referee or as a participant in community service activities. Mentoring and coaching younger players in other sports or activities would also be a positive.

The scholarship recipients should embody the best of Nick's style of leadership: the ability to inspire others to make a difference, the promotion of team spirit and team goals over the goals of the individual and the demonstration of true sportsmanship – showing how to win and to lose with grace and dignity.

Members of the Madaras family will be involved in selecting the award recipients, as will representatives of the Wilton Soccer Association.