

The Clarksville Running Club Mike O'Hara Memorial Scholarship

The Clarksville Running Club has the honor of endowing the Clarksville Running Club Mike O'Hara Memorial Scholarship. Mike was an integral part of the Clarksville Running Club and the Clarksville running community as a whole. Mike began running while in the Air Force, completing the Boston Marathon in 2008. After retiring from the Air Force in 2009 he became the lead timing system operator for the club, timing over 50 races in Clarksville and surrounding areas. It was through timing these races that our club was able to raise the money for a Clarksville Running Club member scholarship that was initiated and implemented by Mike himself. We know Mike would be proud to have this scholarship endowed in his honor, just as we are proud to provide local athletes with some assistance as they pursue the goals they have in life.

The Clarksville Running Club scholarship is a one-time \$500 scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

1. The student lives in Montgomery County or on Fort Campbell.
2. The student is a graduating senior attending a Montgomery County high school, attending Fort Campbell High School, a private school, or homeschooled
3. Participated in at least one of the following running events: 800m, 1600m, 3200m, XC (5000 m course)
4. The student will be attending a four-year college/university in the fall semester upon high school graduation

There are many selection criteria for this scholarship. Primary considerations include character, leadership, service, dedication to running, and the impact running has had on your life. Secondary considerations include years of participation and performance measures such as personal records (PR's) in different distances. An applicant does not have to be an elite runner to be selected for this scholarship. Four years of participation is not a requirement for this scholarship. The required essay and letter of recommendation is heavily weighted. There will be up to two scholarships in total for both the Montgomery County area and Fort Campbell High School for 2026.

**Clarksville Running Club (CRC) Mike
O'Hara Memorial Scholarship
Application Instructions**

The deadline for this application is **31 May 2026**. For your scholarship application to be considered by the selection committee, the following must be completed:

1. The Clarksville Running Club Mike O'Hara Memorial Scholarship Application must be filled out by the applicant.
2. The applicant must include the requested typed essay with the application.
3. It is not required, but it is strongly encouraged, that an additional letter of recommendation be attached. This may be from a teacher, community club leader, church leader or other adult that knows you well. It may not be from a family member.
4. Once sections 1 and 2 are completed, attach the blank coach's evaluation form and turn the entire packet, including the optional letter of recommendation, into your coach for completion of the coach's portion. The coach should be either your high school cross country or track coach.
5. Your coach must complete his/her portion and turn the entire packet into the athletic director no later than **31 May 2026**. **YOUR PACKET IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL THE COACH'S PORTION IS COMPLETED.**
6. Any questions about the application or application process may be emailed to crccontactus@gmail.com
7. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **30 June 2026**.
8. The \$500 scholarship will be sent directly to the student's account at the four-year academic institution of their choosing for fall semester 2026.

Clarksville Running Club Mike O'Hara Memorial Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____ High

School: _____ Coach: _____ Academic

Advisor: _____ Year in high school: Fresh Soph Junior Senior

Year graduating high school: _____

Do you reside within Montgomery County? Y N

Do you attend high school on Fort Campbell? Y N

Will you attend a four year college after high school graduation? Y N

Will you be taking a "gap" year before starting college? Y N

How many years did you participate in high school Cross Country? 1 2 3 4

How many years did you participate in high school track (include your senior year)? 1 2 3 4

Including fall semester of your senior year, what is your **cumulative** GPA? _____

What is your personal record (PR) in each of the following distances (complete all that apply): 800m: _____ 1600m: _____ 3200m: _____

5000m XC: _____

1. What running awards/accomplishments have you received/achieved? Rank in order of importance to you.

2. Please describe any running activities outside of school you feel should be a consideration in your application.

3. What leadership positions, if any, have you held on your cross country/track teams and when?

4. What other activities are you involved in other than running? Include other school clubs, civic organizations and church groups as applicable. Include leadership positions, if any, in these activities.

5. Are there any other extenuating circumstances the scholarship selection committee should be aware of regarding your application? If none, please write "none."

Essay Question

During your time as a high school student athlete and distance runner, what skills and lessons have you learned that you will use throughout the rest of your life? Please type your response and answer in less than 1000 words. Use additional pages as necessary.

Coaches Questionnaire

Please evaluate the student-athlete on each category listed below. Please place the completed evaluation form in a sealed envelope and give to the point of contact at your school. The student will be blinded from all responses and the information given will only be utilized by the scholarship selection committee.

Please score the student-athlete utilizing the following scale.

5: Exceptional

4: Exceeds expectations

3: Satisfactory

2: Needs improvement

1: Unsatisfactory

Teamwork:

Work ethic:

Sportsmanship:

Coachability:

Team Service (participation in non-competitive activities such as booster fundraisers, set up/tear down activities, and team support):

Leadership on the team:

Additional comments: