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Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship

Background

The Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors and first year transfer students to University of Delaware (UD) who are looking to continue their education and rugby at UD. Each year, the Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship Selection Committee will award scholarships to graduating high school and first year transfer students who will be attending UD and playing rugby. \$4,000 in scholarship funds is available per year to scholarship winners.

Since 2007, Rugby Delaware (formally the Delaware Rugby Foundation), a 501c3 non-profit organization, has awarded an annual scholarship to incoming UD Freshmen playing rugby. In 2012, the board members renamed its UD rugby scholarship after Hugh Kenney, who passed away on January 7, 2012. Hugh coached the UD Men's and Women's Rugby Clubs from 1992 to 2003. As one of Hughie's former players said best, "What we will need to do is make sure the spirit of the scholarship reflects Hughie and his willingness to always give so much and ask for so little in return. All he asked for was for you to do your best, not necessarily be the best, to just know that when you walked off the field or any arena in life you gave it your best."

Scholarship Criteria

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants must be accepted at UD and join and play for the UD rugby program
- The Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship Selection Committee evaluates applications based on the applicant's academic achievement, rugby potential, leadership qualities, references, recommendations and a personal statement.

Important Facts

- \$4,000 available per year distributed amongst scholarship winners.
- Scholarship winners will receive awarded scholarship funds in two equal installments; (1) Upon completion of their first rugby season semester (typically Fall) with UD Rugby, and (2) Upon completion of their second rugby season semester (typically Spring) with UD Rugby. First year UD transfer students shall also be considered.
- **Scholarship application forms and documentation must be received by May 29, 2020.**
- Scholarship application forms and supporting documentation can be submitted electronically to phorsey@pennoni.com and andy.newcombe@arcadis-us.com or mailed to the following address: Rugby Delaware, Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship, PO Box 654, Hockessin, DE 19707.

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Supporting Documentation Required

Along with providing background information, each applicant is required to submit a letter or letters of recommendation and a personal statement on his/her current involvement in rugby and how this scholarship will enable the applicant to achieve his/her future goals.

Letters of Recommendation

All letters of recommendation must include the date, applicants full name, and be signed by the individual that is recommending the applicant. Where possible have letters of recommendation include community service, volunteer work and extracurricular activities the applicant participates in.

Sources for letters of recommendation include;

High school or U19 rugby coach (required).

School teachers, counselors, community and religious leaders, employers and other individuals holding positions within the community who can provide a character reference for the applicant (optional).

Personal Statement

The personal statement should be no longer than two pages, typed, and double spaced. Ensure the personal statement lists the applicants name on each page. Review the question below and ensure the personal statement clearly addresses and responds to the question.

Topic – Why do you think you should receive this scholarship and how will it help you reach your sporting and career goals?

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Background Information

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Gender: _____ Male / Female _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____ SAT/ACT Score: _____

Name of High School: _____

Guidance Counselor/Principal: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Sport(s) played in High School (please indicate which years you place each sport):

Sports Name:	Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Sports Awards (e.g. MVP): _____

Did you play rugby in High School? Yes / No

Years Playing Rugby: _____ Position(s) _____

Rugby Achievements to Date: _____

Name of high school or U19 coach: _____

Coach Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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Applicant Certification

I certify the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I have not knowingly withheld facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration for this scholarship award.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Release

If selected to receive a Hugh Kenney Rugby Scholarship, I authorize University of Delaware Rugby Alumni Association and Rugby Delaware to use my name, photograph and any other information for press and media purposes.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Application Checklist

- ☐ Did you complete all sections of the application form?
- ☐ Did you enclose one or more letters of recommendation?
- ☐ Did you enclose your Personal Statement?
- ☐ Did both you and/or your parent(s) sign the required certification and release sections?

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