

Steve Self Memorial Scholarship

The Steve Self Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 has been established by the Self Family in honor of Steve Self. During his career in the Henry-Senachwine School District from 2000-2020, Mr. Self taught physical education and coached baseball and basketball. As a teacher and coach, he was highly invested in the students, school, and community. He committed much of his time mentoring students and supporting the schools. Through his commitment, Steve influenced and left a lasting impression on many people. Coach Self's investment in the students and school will continue through his memorial scholarship. All seniors from Henry-Senachwine High School with post-secondary plans are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Steve was loyal and devoted to his family, friends, school, community and sports. Upon graduating from Williamsfield High School in 1989, he enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard. After serving his time in the National Guard, he enrolled at Carl Sandburg College, where he earned his associates degree and played baseball. He then transferred to Illinois State University, where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Education with a concentration in physical education and coaching. He taught and coached at Donovan School District from 1997-2000 before moving to the Henry Community, where he taught for 20 years and coached baseball and basketball before passing from brain cancer in July 2020.

Mr. Self always believed there is a lesson in every aspect of daily life. Some of his favorite life lessons included him talking about "time being the most important thing you have in life and to use it wisely". He also believed that, "everyday we have an opportunity to get better and it is a choice as to whether we do or do not reach our goals".

To apply for the Steve Self Memorial Scholarship, students must submit an essay not to exceed two pages (double-spaced, typed, 12 pt font) to Mrs. Self by April 23, 2024. The essay needs to address 1] how you have used your time while at Henry-Senachwine High School and 2] how the opportunities and/or challenges you have faced in the community and at HSHS have shaped you and your future educational goals.

The essays will be reviewed by a committee designated by the Self Family and a scholarship selection will be determined. The student who is selected as the recipient of the Steve Self Memorial Scholarship will receive \$1000 to use toward their post-secondary education plan any way they see fit. The recipient will also have their name engraved on a plaque, which will be displayed at Henry-Senachwine High School. By entering the essay, the applicant understands there is no right to appeal the scholarship selection, as the scholarship selection is determined by the discretion of the committee designated by the family.