



LoveStrong Volleyball Scholarship

At the age of 12 years old, Megan Sheehy signed up for a Marblehead Volleyball Clinic and fell in love with the sport of volleyball. Within days of learning to play, Megan was passing, setting, and attacking the volleyball like a natural! Megan loved the team atmosphere, competitiveness, and skill the sport required and each and every day she stepped out on the court, Megan's determination and drive were written all over her face. In the spring of 2013, Megan and her mom Jean joined a committee of players, parents, and community members, to establish volleyball as a Varsity sport at Marblehead High School. With people like Megan supporting this cause, in the fall of 2013 and Marblehead High School began its inaugural season as an official high school program.

When Megan was diagnosed with a rare form of osteosarcoma in July 2013, her love of the sport never wavered. Megan was determined to play again and made herself as much of the Marblehead Volleyball program as she could in spite of her battle. Megan sat alongside her coaches and cheered on her teammates whenever she could and brought out a sense of strength and pride in all of us.

The *LoveStrong Volleyball Scholarship* [funded by a Private Foundation] is dedicated to sharing the love of the game of volleyball that Megan felt so passionately about. This scholarship will allow girls, age 8 to 18 to learn and become competitive in this growing sport.

The *LoveStrong Volleyball Scholarship* is pleased to offer one annual scholarships of up to \$600 to promote knowledge of and skill development in the sport of volleyball.

Scholarship funds are meant for volleyball educational purposes, including: 1) Club Volleyball dues

2) Volleyball camps

3) Volleyball equipment

The scholarship committee will review all applications and select one recipient based on the following criteria

Recipients shall

1) Anticipated educational benefit to the recipient

- 2) Clarity and precision of proposal
- 3) Preference to Marblehead residents
- 4) Girls age 8 to 18 years
- 5) Application that best conveys the spirit and joy of the sport
- 6) Provide proof of activity to the committee
- 7) Complete the proposed educational activity within 1 calendar year

Candidates please answer the following in your application of no more than 250 words:
Please tell us why it is important for you to receive this scholarship and how you intend to spend it. Include your age and mailing address. Any questions about this scholarship may be directed to **LoveStrongVBall@gmail.com**.

Mail application no later than May 15, 2023 to: LoveStrong Scholarship, 23 Bayerry Lane, Cushing, ME

The winner will be notified by mail by June 30, 2023. The winner may not apply the following year. Applicants with a monetary, business or significant family connection to one or more of the scholarship committee members may apply with the understanding that the connected committee member(s) will recuse themselves for discussion and decision making. Winners will be selected solely as the discretion of the *LoveStrong* committee members.