John J Harris Wrestling Scholarship
$500

A scholarship in recognition of John J Harris was established in 2001. John came to Corning in the fall of 1954 to teach social studies and physical education as well as coach various sports. His coaching duties have included football, baseball, cross country, track, and wrestling.

John J is the master of achievement and motivation. He always found ways to survive, whether in his personal life or with coaching. Throughout John's 28 years of coaching high school wrestling, at least one member of the wrestling squad qualified to compete in the *Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament* each and every year.

Although John retired from coaching duties in 1982, he remained as athletic director until 1984. John officially retired his teaching duties in the spring of 1992. In addition to John's contributions to the school system, he and Beth were actively involved in a variety of community and church activities. Three daughters were raised in Corning.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Any senior involved with Southwest Valley athletics may apply with preference given to a qualified SWV wrestler letter winner.
- Graduate must have a B or better grade point average.
- Plans to attend any type of postsecondary school (4 year college, 2 year college, or vocational or technical institute).
- Citizenship and leadership as demonstrated by activities in school or community.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

This award is intended for a student who:

- Understands the importance of each position for team success and who helps inspire others
- Is a role model to younger athletes
- Is a student willing to volunteer with the SWV Youth Wrestling program
- Demonstrates citizenship and leadership through activities in school and community

APPLICATION:

Include a statement of plans for further education and commitment statement regarding intent to graduate from college, also include life time goals and aspirations.

SELCTION COMMITTEE:

The recipient of this scholarship will be chosen by SWV High School Counselor, current wrestling coach, and a Corning resident who was a former Corning High School wrestler or current wrestling fan.

DISBURSEMENT:

Payment of the award will be made after the student completes the first term of college and submits a copy of grades to the Southwest Valley High School Counselor. If the student has maintained satisfactory grades , (C or better average) and is enrolled for the second term, authorization for payment will be made by the counselor. Announcement of the recipient will be made at Scholarship Night. Special recognition will be at the annual John J Harris Wrestling Tournament.

The applicant must submit a letter of application and resume to the Southwest Valley High School Counselor by April 7th.

A thank you note should be directed to:

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