



**PITBULLS FASTPITCH
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

**" LEADERSHIP ON
& OFF THE FIELD "**

The mission of Pitbulls Fastpitch organization extends beyond simply playing a game. This program was designed to help young, female athletes better themselves through the medium of athletics.

It has always been our dream to be able to create a scholarship program for our athletes and we are proud to finally be in a position to do so.

The Scholarships we are able to offer this year have been named in honor of amazing people who have directly impacted the lives of your coaching staff. We are beyond blessed to have had gotten the chance to have these people in our lives, and are very fortunate to be able to extend to you a piece of their legacy.

For those applying for a scholarship, we look forward to reading your submission.

**Best of Luck and Warm Wishes ,
Jillian Mulderig, *President***

THE NICOLE AYRES SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 Scholarship

Nicole Ayres (1988 - 2010) is the lifelong best friend of Pitbulls' Coach, Nichole Mulderig, whose life was taken well before her time. Ms. Ayres was one of South Jersey's top athletic prospects, and a dominant pitcher for Deptford High School, when she accepted a full scholarship to play DI softball at Fordham University in 2006. After deciding to transfer back home, with a commitment to play for Rutgers University -- Camden, Ms. Ayres was stabbed to death 32 times, at the young age of 22 years old, in a random act of violence. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of many that she has touched, including Nichole Mulderig, who was inspired to become a coach by her bestfriend's dreams for them to coach together after their athletic careers were over.

The Nicole Ayres Scholarship

Details:

- (1) \$250.00 Scholarship awarded to (1) student-athlete to assist in college expenses

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a Senior currently rostered on a Pitbulls FP Team OR Pitbull Alumni currently enrolled as a full time student in college
- Must be committed to playing collegiate softball OR currently playing college softball
- Must complete Online Application and Essay by February 15th

Application Fee: \$5.00, made payable to Pitbulls Fastpitch

Essay Question:

In 500 words or more, tell us one of the most valuable lessons you have learned from playing fastpitch softball. Aside from athletic play, what has the game of fastpitch softball taught you?

Details:

- 500 word minimum
- Email completed essay to jillian.pitbullsfp@gmail.com by March 15th to be considered
- Email subject **MUST BE** your **FULL FIRST & LAST NAME** to be considered.

THE GENE DANNENFELSER SCHOLARSHIP

\$750 Scholarship

Gene Dannenfesler (1957 - 2017) was an incredible friend and mentor of our Pitbulls FP CFO, Robert Medlar. Gene devoted his life to the public service and protecting the community, and served as Deputy Chief of the Camden County Fire Marshals Office. His involvement in local community programs is countless, including the work he did during 9/11 and at Ground Zero in rescue efforts. The impact his life made on others continues to live on through the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund he founded as President, and this scholarship named in his honor.

The Gene Dannenfels Scholarship

Details:

- **(1) \$750.00 Scholarship awarded to (1) student-athlete to assist in tuition costs of Pitbulls Fastpitch Organization**

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Any athlete currently rostered to a Pitbull Fastpitch team**
- **Must complete Online Application and Essay by February 15th**
- **The Scholarship is awarded in August, 2018 to assist with the following year's tuition costs**

Application Fee: \$5.00, made payable to Pitbulls Fastpitch

Essay Question:

In 500 words or more, describe a goal you set for yourself as an athlete and how you have worked to achieve that goal. How do you respond when you fall short of a goal?

Details:

- **500 word minimum**
- **Email completed essay to jillian.pitbullsfp@gmail.com by March 15th to be considered**
- **Email subject MUST BE your FULL FIRST & LAST NAME to be considered.**

THE JEFF & JESSICA HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Full Tuition Scholarship

This full scholarship will be awarded annually to a Pitbulls player that lives and demonstrates the motto “Overcoming adversity – everyone’s equal on the softball field.” Jeff and Jessica Morse are the grandparents of Jessica (Jess) Ken-Kwofie, Pitbulls 18U Gold ‘17. During Jess’ Pitbull tenure, they were the unwavering support she needed (while her parents were working), driving upwards of 200 miles from their home in North Jersey to Mt. Ephraim and tournaments, spending nights in hotels, etc. Jeff, a former Human Resources executive, and Jessica, an Administrator for the Elizabeth Public Schools, have worked hard to overcome many challenges in their lives to provide for their family, and now their granddaughter. In retirement, Jeff spends his time dedicated to his family, and college alumni association. When not at work, Jessica splits her time between three community service organizations, and traveling with Jeff and her family. They are most grateful to the world-class Pitbulls coaches for nurturing and encouraging Jess, to always be the best she can be, on and off the softball field. Supporting a Pitbull athlete is an incredible honor they’re proud to witness and support, during their lifetime.

The Jeff & Jessica Honorary Scholarship

Details:

- **(1) Full Tuition Scholarship awarded to (1) student-athlete to assist in tuition costs of Pitbulls Fastpitch Organization**

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Any athlete currently rostered to a Pitbull Fastpitch team**
- **Must complete Online Application and Essay by February 15th**
- **The Scholarship is awarded in August, 2018 to assist with the following year's tuition costs**

Application Fee: \$5.00, made payable to Pitbulls Fastpitch

Essay Question:

In 500 words or more, describe how you demonstrate the motto "overcoming adversity" in your own life. What obstacles have you overcome to achieve a goal of yours, and what lessons did you learn along the way?

Essay Details:

- **500 word minimum**
- **Email completed essay to jillian.pitbullsfp@gmail.com by March 15th to be considered**
- **Email subject MUST BE your FULL FIRST & LAST NAME to be considered.**

All Applications and Fees must be received by March 15th to be considered

Checks can be
made payable to:
Pitbulls Fastpitch
and mailed to PO
BOX 164, MT
EPHRAIM NJ 08059

The application fees are used to create and mail a Scholarship Book of the annual submissions to the families of Nicole Ayres and Gene Dannenfelser.

Scholarship Award
Winners will be
announced at The
Black & Gold
Banquet .

Applications & Essays are reviewed and voted upon anonymously by our Scholarship Committee . For more information, contact Jillian Mulderig at jillian.pitbullsfp@gmail.com