

## John Tasopolos Foundation

### -Scholarship Program-

The JohnTasopolos Foundation Scholarship was created due to the generosity and for the legacy of John Tasopolos. John graduated from St. Petersburg High in 1960 and was a member of the Track and Field team, upon on his passing he graciously left part of his Trust to the Track and Field Department. His generosity has allowed for many new items to be purchased for the SPH Track & Field Team along with the creation of a scholarship fund in his honor for years to come.

The John Tasopolos Foundation will be awarding scholarships to those who embody leadership, sportsmanship, academics and integrity. Scholarships will be awarded to senior students from any scholastic or athletic background, with two being awarded to Track & Field, each in a varied amount. The scholarship amount will be divided as determined between the recipients. Applications can be found on the St Pete High front office. The scholarships will be awarded to applicants through Pinellas Education Foundation and will be recognized via the Track and Field platforms.

#### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

##### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the John Tasopolos Foundation Scholarship is to recognize students and athletes who exemplify athletic or community achievement, promote good sportsmanship, encourage and maintain high scholastic achievement, always carry themselves with integrity and to assist those in need with the costs of higher education. Scholarships of varying amounts each will be awarded annually. Two recipients will be a current Track and Field athletes, and the remaining will be awarded to applicants fulfilling the eligibility and application requirement regardless of club, athletic, community or work-related affiliation.

##### **CRITERIA:**

**Athletic/Club/Extra Curricular Activities/Job Participation:** Applicant must be a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in good standing. Students must have one year's participation in any of the previously mentioned activities. Verification will be completed based on SPHS files and/or letters of recommendation.

**Good Sportsmanship:** Applicant must exemplify good sportsmanship on and off the field, including but not limited to good attitude towards team/club members, coaches, equipment, officials and spectators.

**Academic Achievement and Awards:** Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 unweighted (as of end of Semester 2 Senior year). The applicant must be in good standing with graduation, meaning they are on track to graduate. This will be verified by the school's Principal Mrs. Lebo or Assistant Principal Mr. Bryant.

**Higher Education Plans:** Applicant must plan to attend a Higher Learning institute within 4 months of graduation. Colleges, Universities, Technical or Vocational Schools are considered viable options.

**Financial Need:** The judging committee will investigate and verify need on an individual basis as they deem necessary.

**Application Form:** Students must complete and submit ALL necessary parts of the application, in a sealed envelope, to the Front Office at St Pete High.

**Two Letters of Reference:** Within the application packet there are two blank evaluation reference forms with specific directions as to who may fill them out and how they are to be returned.

**Essay:** 300-word essay: Why and/or how will earning this scholarship impact your future goals?

**DEADLINE: April 18th, 2025 by 12:00pm**

John Tasopolos Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee consists of the following members- SPHS Alumni and Parent, The Track and Field Coaches, The School Principal, The President/Representative of PTSA, and the attorney of John T. The above members will see all the information provided in your scholarship application.

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**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility:**

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**\*Once applicant has completed ALL the above Criteria, place ALL forms and additional paperwork in envelope, seal and return to Front office to Mrs. Roehm on or before the deadline: **April 18, 2025 at 12:00pm**. The Foundation Committee which consists of the student body president, Attorney of John T, The Principal, PTA president, and Track Coaches will add Evaluation Forms to packets, Recommenders Forms, verify GPA and read essays before narrowing selections and/or awarding winners. No incomplete applications will be considered, and no late applications will be accepted. (A complete application means that all "reference forms" must be received.)**

**Parent/Guardian & Applicant Signatures**

*By signing below, I certify that I understand the criteria for the scholarship and submission deadlines for the application and recommendation forms.*

*I hereby authorize the review of all aspects of this application by the John Tasopolos Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee (identified on bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> page) for the sole purpose of consideration for this scholarship award. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the information provided herein is true and correct.*

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

\*A Track and Field Coach shall NOT complete this evaluation.

\*These evaluations can be completed by a Teacher, Mentor, Coach, Club Sponsor, Religious Leader, Employer.

\*The above could be an in school or out of school group/activity

\* Evaluators are encouraged to attach a letter of recommendation, however, it is NOT necessary

Rank each characteristic of the student athlete with 0 being the least and 5 being the highest score. Circle the appropriate ranking and total at the bottom.

Attendance	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Punctuality	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Cooperation	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Work Ethic	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Positive Attitude	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Positive Role Model/Leader	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Academics	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Coach/Teacher/Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Provide Comments or attach a letter: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please place your evaluation in an envelope, seal and return to: SPHS Front office attention John T scholarship: 2501 5<sup>th</sup> Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33713

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**9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletic Participation/Achievements:**

**Describe your extracurricular participation and achievements for each year of High School. (Include any and all activities participated in and out of school. For Club or Rec. activities please specify)**

**Rows should be filled in by Grade/Year accomplished:**

<b>Sport/Club/Activity/Job</b>	<b>Awards/Honors/Level/Position or Leadership Title</b>	<b>Comments/ Additional Info</b>
<b>9th</b>		
<b>10th</b>		
<b>11th</b>		
<b>12th</b>		

**Please list who you gave your reference forms to:**

**Reference #1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email or phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email or phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT FILL IN BELOW. COMMITTEE WILL FILL IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

**MINIMUM GPA 2.0?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Unweighted GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Weighted GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Good Standing for Graduation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principals SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Track Athlete Verification:** \_\_\_\_\_ -