

The Michael F. Wortis Scholarship Fund



Mike Wortis entered the golf business after serving in the Marines, but it was his experience as a Marine that became an integral part of his entire life and defined the man that he became.

Semper Fi, the motto of the US Marine Corps, literally means to be “Always Faithful”. To Mike, this commitment to loyalty became his unwavering mindset, his way of being and his ultimate show of respect to those around him.

After serving in the Marines, Mike taught himself how to play golf, learning by observing and practicing for hours daily in order to be good enough to play at a very competitive level around the world. He showed incredible self-discipline and determination to learn this sport as an adult and then committed to a lifelong career in golf, helping others improve their respective game.

Mike worked his way up in the golf business in the 1960s and became the Head Professional at several clubs with much of his career at the Leo J. Martin Golf Course for 33 years. He was a NEPGA Professional since 1972.

Mike continued sharing his passion for golf throughout his entire life. He gave thousands of pro bono lessons for people at all levels because he loved what he was doing and had a gift for teaching “the swing”. He was also a very generous tipper, who looked out for the underdog and never turned away a friend in need.

He will be remembered as an extraordinary man, who loved life; the company of many friends and the best that life had to offer.

The Michael F Wortis Scholarship Fund is intended to honor Mike, his spirit of generosity and his passion for the game of golf. This scholarship will be awarded each year to a deserving student, ages 8-16, who is passionate about learning the game of golf, but also has the personal character that Mike Wortis emulated, especially loyalty, kindness and respect towards others.

The scholarship would preferably go towards golf lessons, clubs, golf accessories. In addition to the financial award, the recipient will also be able to select a golf book of their choice from Mike’s collection.

Key deadlines:

Application process opens:	April 1st, 2022
Application deadline:	June 30th, 2022
Award given:	August 2022

The Michael F. Wortis Scholarship Committee will award two (2), \$500 Scholarships to one deserving boy and one deserving girl during August of 2022.

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Jim Burke - Head Professional, Ponkapoag and Leo J. Martin Golf Course

Peter Norton - Director of Instruction, Blue Hill Country Club

Mike Menery - General Manager, Old Marsh Golf Club

Chrisann Taras, First Vice President, CFP, RBC

Ellen Stranberg, Founding member of the MFW Scholarship Fund



Eligibility Criteria

- *Scholarship to benefit youth between ages 8-16*
- Committed to learning and practicing the game of golf
- Spirit of sportsmanship (i.e. fair and generous behavior or treatment of others, especially in a sports contests)
- Shows extraordinary respect towards peers

Requirement Material

- Personal statement or Essay, 500 words or less:
 - "Why you should be awarded The Michael F. Wortis Scholarship?"
- (1) Letter of recommendation from a Golf Professional
- List of Extracurricular and Community Services activities

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