

THE MID-HUDSON BOARD OF VOLLEYBALL

Timothy Countryman Inspiration in Volleyball Award

2026



In honor of MHBVO's past president and dedicated volleyball official, Timothy Countryman, who passed away unexpectedly, MHBVO will present one senior, from the leagues which the MHBVO officiate, an award of \$500 to be used for education expenses following graduation.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

One graduating senior associated with their school's volleyball may be nominated by their District's volleyball coach(es). Your nominee need not be a player and can be a scorekeeper, manager, or any other student who has inspired your program.

Coach(es) please submit a single page narrative (less is perfectly acceptable) for your nominee. Only one application per district will be accepted. Please include information related to the listed criteria below, along with any other pertinent information you feel will present your nominee as deserving of this award.

CRITERIA:

- The nominee will be a graduating senior who is associated with a High School volleyball program serviced by MHBVO. The nominee need not be a player. (e.g., scorekeeper, manager. etc.).
- Money will be used for post-graduation education expenses (college, vocational, or other educational training).
- The nominee's Inspirational Merit – including but not limited to:
 - Leadership.
 - Sporting conduct.
 - Responsibility.
 - Character.
 - Community Service.
- Nominee's intended educational goals (college, vocational, or other educational training).
- Nominee's intended continued relationship with the sport. (e.g., college player, coach, official, supporter).
- Any other information you feel supports your candidate.

Applications are reviewed by the MHBVO 3-person Scholarship Committee, and the winning candidate selected by their weighted vote. The award will be presented at the winner's class Section Final.

Applications should be emailed to: Mark Thatcher (President MHBVO) Thatcher.game@gmail.com.
Application deadline: Noon, Friday October 23, 2026