



Haddon Township High School Alumni Association

Mr. Al Tanner Memorial Scholarship

**\$1500 ea. 1 Male, 1 Female student
Application Deadline – April 30, 2026**

Criteria:

- The Mr. Al Tanner Memorial Scholarships are awarded to members of the current HTHS graduating class who have consistently demonstrated a passion for Cross Country and/or Track, and for performance in the classroom.
- The recipient should demonstrate a level of academic achievement and that he/she is prepared to enter college, trade school, military service, or any other pursuit of higher education.

Information to Submit to Selection Committee:

- Applicant's Background Information
- A counselor's, teacher's, or coach's recommendation. May be a short description of the student, the teacher/counselor/coach's knowledge of the applicant's high school experience.
- Official high school transcript
- Essay
- All of the above bullet points are mandatory, exclusions will disqualify the applicant.

Applicant's Background Information

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Full Name of Applicant _____
First _____ Last _____ Middle Initial _____

Home Address _____
Street _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S COUNSELOR:

Grade Point Average _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____ Counselor's Name _____

Counselor's Email _____ Counselor's Signature _____

Counselor's signature verifies that the application is complete with the counselor's/teacher's recommendation, transcript, and essay.

Please submit this application to the Guidance Office

Haddon Township Alumni Association, 81 Village Drive East, Hamilton, NJ 08620
www.hthsalumni.org info@hthsalumni.org

Last Name

First Name

Please list significant activities, leadership positions, and/or honors/recognitions. Place an (X) in the school year column when activities occurred. You may attach a student resume instead.

List Community Activities:

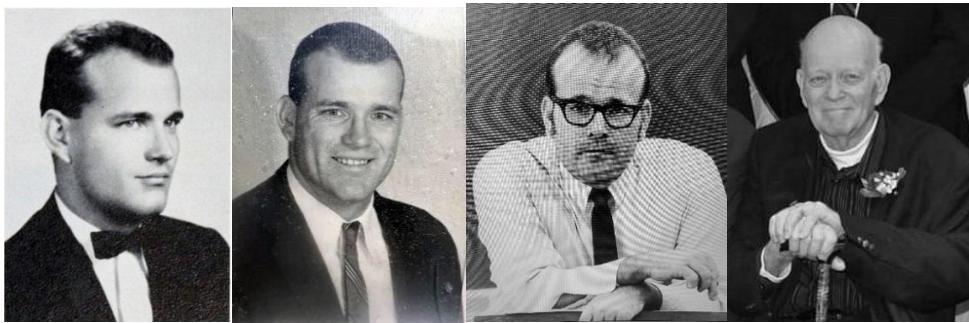
Please write a short essay clarifying why you should be considered for this scholarship. It is important to describe the effort you have demonstrated and any challenges you overcame. Essays must be attached. Please be sure to place your name on any attached documentation.

Applications postmarked after May 1, 2026, will be excluded.

About Mr. Al Tanner

HTHS Teacher of History, Humanities and Economics

Legendary Cross Country, Track and Field Coach with multiple State Championships



Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying..."In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Mr. Tanner was a huge fan of President Lincoln and an avid history junkie.

Al Tanner spent most of life in Haddon Township. His wife, Bobbi, remains in town at their home and loves sharing stories about this larger-than-life figure that many of us knew and respected.

When Mr. Tanner was hired at Haddon Twp. High School, his career flourished. Al was a dynamic, innovative and demanding, yet caring teacher and coach. He was as proud of the Humanities course he developed as he was of the state championship cross-country and track and field teams that he led. He started out as an assistant coach for the newly formed football team but later transitioned to Cross Country and Track. Tanner possessed a booming voice and unyielding energy. He had a knack for seeing potential in the unlikeliest of people and was tireless in making them see it too. He then relentlessly worked, occasionally by unconventional means, to pull it to the surface whether it was on the field of play or in the classroom. If you knew Al Tanner, you almost certainly have an Al Tanner story.

In 1977, Mr. Tanner moved on to Moorestown High School in Moorestown, NJ where he taught history and economics. In 1987, he was named the New Jersey Economics Educator of the Year. He became the chairman of the Social Studies department, coached track and field and cross country. In 1995, he retired from education, serving as an assistant track coach for a few seasons at Haddonfield Memorial High School. He later was enshrined in the inaugural class of the Haddon Township High School Athletic Hall of Fame and was inducted in 2007 into the South Jersey Track and Field Hall of Fame. He last attended the HT Hall of Fame ceremony in 2018 when the 1976 Cross Country team was inducted. His heart would always remain a "Hawk".

Of the thousands of students and athletes he mentored, his mantra was to strive to succeed, never give up and always give your best. There are really no words to describe his impact on the countless lives he touched throughout his time at HTHS. If you ask 100 alumni of that era who the most impactful teachers were, Mr. Tanner is always in the top two. He cared so much, and he was so good at it.

Ed Lincoln (HTHS Class of 1978)