



# Haddon Township High School Alumni Association

## Jeff Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship

\$1000.00

Application Deadline – April 30, 2025

**Criteria:**

- The Jeff Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a member of the current HTHS graduating class who has consistently demonstrated the alacrity of spirit characterized by Jeff Zimmerman, class of 1971. This award is presented to an extraordinary individual whose leadership has inspired a sense of identity, community, fellowship, and shared pride among the student body.
- 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.
- The recipient must be able to provide evidence of acceptance to an institution of higher learning prior to receipt of the award.

**Information to Submit to Selection Committee:**

- Applicant’s Background Information
- A counselor’s or teacher’s recommendation. May be a short description of the student, the teacher/counselor’s knowledge of the applicant’s displays of leadership and school spirit. (Mandatory, exclusion will disqualify the applicant).
- Official high school transcript
- Essay

### 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 the application to the Guidance Office**

Last Name

First Name

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

Activities	9	10	11	12	Leadership Position/Honors

List Community Activities:

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**Please write a short essay clarifying why you would be deserving of this scholarship, and how you became a leader. It is important to describe the school spirit you have demonstrated. Essays must be attached. Please be sure to place your name on any attached documentation.**

Applications postmarked after May 1, 2025 will be excluded.

### **About Jeff Zimmerman**



Jeff Zimmerman graduated from HTHS in 1971. He grew up in Westmont, NJ and was a long-time resident of Bucks County, PA. He passed away in January 2022 following a brief but brave battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 68 years old.

Jeff was one of those rare individuals who had a zest for life and a genuine interest in the people and the world around him. He was wise, patient and kind; well-liked, outgoing, fun, and funny. He made friends easily, and he cherished and stayed in touch with every one of them for the extent of his life. He was a good listener, with an exceptional memory. He had a down-to-earth set of values. He was confident and hardworking, and he dealt with difficult situations directly and effectively. Jeff was a strong leader, admired by all who knew him.

Jeff held many roles during his lifetime. At HTHS he was Vice President of his sophomore and junior classes and a very popular Senior Class President. He was a member of the Student Council and the Spanish Honor Society and was honored as one of only five students selected to represent HTHS at NJ Boys' State, an American Legion program established to educate students on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. He was thrilled to be in the school's musical productions of Guys and Dolls and Auntie Mame. He was an agile football and baseball player and would be happy to regale any audience with a recap of the triple play he once turned from second base.

After graduating from HTHS in 1971, Jeff attended Florida State University. He transferred after one year to the college of his dreams, The School of Hotel Administration at Cornell University, from which he received his BS degree in 1975. Jeff began his hospitality career in hotel and restaurant management, and later transitioned to a long career in corporate real estate. He earned his MBA from Penn State University in 1995. After retiring in 2019 he served the community working part-time at Makefield Highlands Golf Course and coaching high school softball with his daughter at Germantown Academy. He continued to show his allegiance to his schools by organizing and attending class reunions and rallying his classmates to attend as well; and he delighted in every minute of it. He remained a proud member of the HTHS Alumni Association where he served as Secretary, the Cornell Hotel Society, and the Princeton area Cornell Alumni Association.

Jeff was an avid reader, golfer, cyclist, Beatles and Philadelphia sports fan. He enjoyed solving crossword puzzles and taught himself to play the bass guitar.

Above all, Jeff loved his family. He was devoted to his adoring wife of nearly 45 years; together they enjoyed good food, brisk walks, the theater, the beach, golf and winter sports. He was a proud father to his two children, with whom he shared his overall drive and demeanor and his passions for sports and music. His grandchildren rocked his world. He was a caring son, brother, uncle and cousin, who never missed an opportunity to call and catch up.

He touched many lives. He cared. He got involved. He made a beautiful difference.