<u>The Benjamin Buckley Memorial For the Love of the Game Scholarship</u>

Benjamin had a passion for life, the arts and sports. He loved building with Legos, his family, his friends and helping others. This $1500 scholarship is being offered in his memory to students from Wolcott, CT and from Southington, CT; both school districts in which he attended. Benjamin died on January 23, 2014 from an asthma attack he had at home on January 18th; 5 days earlier. Scholarships will be awarded to students exhibiting Ben's love for life and willingness to help the community and others.

<u>Criteria for applying</u>:
- Southington High School Seniors.
- Acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Students with a love of sports and who will be playing a Division I, II or III sport in college their freshman year and not be on full scholarship.
- Students who have demonstrated the willingness to serve their community and "Pay it Forward" to those around them as evidenced by the narrative essay written about how they plan to help others in the future.
- Students who have demonstrated a positive attitude in academics, team sports, clubs, community activities etc., as evidenced by a letter recommendation in this area.
- 3 letters of recommendation, one of which highlights their positive attitude as described above. The 2 additional recommendations should include at least one from a high school teacher and/or administrator.
- Most recent High School GPA.

<u>Eligibility</u>:
The Benjamin Buckley Memorial scholarships awarded by Ben Was Here Inc. are open to any applicant that fulfills and completes the entirety of this application.

<u>Application Process</u>:
This scholarship application needs to be completed in full to be considered. Applications should be sent to Ben Was Here Inc., the Benjamin Buckley Memorial Foundation. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please send applications to Cristin Buckley at 109 Churchill St. Southington, CT 06489. Any questions can be sent to cbuckley@benwashere.org.

<u>Completed Application</u>:
A completed application incudes all application forms completed and signed, a narrative essay typed and included, 3 letters of recommendation; one from a high school teacher and/or administrator, one exhibiting positive attitude in academics, team sports, club, community activities etc. and one at the applicant's discretion, most recent high school GPA and proof of acceptance in an accredited institution of higher education, if applicant is awaiting acceptance, you may indicate that fact on the application form. Please include all criteria when submitting the application.

<u>Scholarship Award</u>:
The student awarded this scholarship will receive $1500 to help with tuition and/or books for their freshman year in college. The scholarship award will be presented to the student in the form of a letter and certificate at their high school's award ceremony. All monetary awards will be presented once proof of acceptance into an accredited institution of higher learning is proven.

The Benjamin Buckley Memorial For the Love of the Game Scholarship Application Form

Name:_____   Date of Birth:_____

        Last   *First*   *Middle*

Address:_____ Apt. Number:_____
Number and Street Name

_____ Phone Number:_____
Town   State   Zip Code

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s):_____

College or University accepted to:_____

Major/Area of Interest:_____

Sport you will be playing in your Freshman year:_____
Extracurricular Activities in which you are involved; including offices held, sports teams, clubs etc.:

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Academic Achievements:_____

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Community Service or Involvement:_____

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Applicant's Signature:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian's Signature:_____ Date:_____
        (needed for release of records)

<u>Narrative Essay</u>
(Please type and attach)
Benjamin enjoyed helping others and in his memory we have done our best to "Pay it Forward" in many different ways.
Please write an essay describing how you intend to help your community in the future and how you plan to "Pay it Forward"
to help keep Benjamin's memory alive.