

## The Edward A. Rybak Scholarship

Edward Rybak was a lifelong resident of Chicopee and a proud alumnus of Chicopee High School's Class of 1955. He went on to further his education at American International College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in 1959 and a Master's Degree in Education. Then, Mr. Rybak returned to Chicopee to teach and mentor thousands of children. Mr. Rybak's successful career spanned thirty four years in the Chicopee school system teaching the youth at Kirby, Barry, Fairview and Bellamy schools before he retired in 1993. During his time teaching, he also dedicated his time and talent serving as the Assistant Coach for the Chicopee High School hockey team where he was instrumental in leading his teams to back-to-back Western Massachusetts championships. Mr. Rybak was also dedicated to community service for the city of Chicopee as evidenced by his volunteerism as a member of the Water Commission, the Board of Registrars and as secretary of the Chicopee Lodge of Elks. Mr. Rybak proudly served on the board at Polish National Credit Union for over thirty years, most of those years acting as Chairman of the Board. This scholarship created in his name is meant to commemorate and always remember Edward Rybak's love for education, sports and the Western Massachusetts community.

Two recipients will be chosen annually to receive a \$250 scholarship in Edward Rybak's memory based on the following requirements:

The recipient of the Edward A. Rybak Scholarship must be a graduating senior from Western Massachusetts who is also:

- A member of the Polish National Credit Union
- Have chosen to major in elementary, middle or secondary education

**Applications must be submitted to:** Ashley  
Ziemba C/O of Chicopee High School 820  
Front Street Chicopee MA 01020

**DEADLINE for all applications: April 6, 2026**

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## **Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Educational Information:**

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Which PNCU branch do you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Placement Courses Taken:

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Academnic Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Graduation Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Extracurricular Activities/ Community Service**

You may attach a separate piece of paper if more space is needed.

Activity	Role & Responsibility

**Essay Question:**

**-How has a coach or educator impacted your life?**

**OR**

**-Why have you decided to choose a career in education?**

Type and submit a 1 page, typed essay on a separate piece of paper.

I (student's name} \_\_\_\_\_ have carefully reviewed the above information and testify to its validity. Also, I agree that with the escort by the guidance counselors of the school, the chairman of the Stepczyk committee will have full access to the academic and athletic records of the herein named student. Please furnish all the required information listed above.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_