

# **Jack McSorley Memorial Leadership and Spirit Award**

Jack McSorley, Omicron 961, of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan was a junior at the University of Pennsylvania when he died of an undetected congenital heart condition on September 21, 1992. At the time of his death, he was the varsity coxswain for the heavyweight crew at Penn and the Vice President of Theta Xi Fraternity's Omicron Chapter. During the weeks just prior to his death, he worked diligently with Theta Xi national representatives to resolve chapter difficulties with the university and national organization that had evolved over prior years.

Jack was an extremely good-humored, outgoing, thoughtful young man. He was a leader all through school, serving as a class officer and elected representative. He was involved in athletics through 12 years of hockey; he rowed throughout high school at the Detroit Boat Club and was influential in making crew a club sport at Grosse Pointe South High School. Jack was a political science major at the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Penn Crew. Jack also coached the Detroit Boat Club Women's Team during the summer season while a student at Penn.

Jack is remembered at Penn each year with this special spirit award. He is also remembered on the rivers – Detroit and Schuylkill – by Varsity eight boats bearing his name. Most important, he is remembered as a very special person who had a great impact on the many lives he touched; in his family, friends, fellow crew members and Theta Xi Brothers.

## **Scholarship Purpose and Criteria for Selection:**

The Jack McSorley Memorial Leadership and Spirit Award serves to promote and recognize leadership and participation in Omicron Chapter of Theta Xi at The University of Pennsylvania and the Penn Crew. The award is presented on an annual basis each Spring to a student who will be returning the next Fall term to the University of Pennsylvania. In the spring term of each year, students interested in applying for the scholarship for the coming school year are invited to submit a completed application. The recipient is announced at the Omicron Chapter of Theta Xi Founders Day event and/or contacted by mail. The application form follows.

**THETA XI FOUNDATION**  
**Jack McSorley Memorial Leadership and Spirit Award**  
**Application Form**

**Personal Information:** (for all applicants to complete)

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

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

Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Record:** (for all applicants to complete)

Anticipated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated class status this coming fall term: \_\_\_\_\_

Major course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point as of most recent term: Overall: \_\_\_\_\_ In major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Record:** (for Theta Xi members to complete)

Omicron # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Housing Information:

Moved in: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to live next school year:

In chapter house? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no to above, where? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The candidate's financial standing with chapter will be confirmed with the chapter treasurer. Your financial status is one criterion that the scholarship fund committee will utilize in its evaluation.

List your elected chapter offices:

Office	Term
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

List your appointed chapter positions:

Position	Term
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

**Penn Crew Record:** (for Crew Members to complete)

Academic term and year you joined the Penn Crew \_\_\_\_\_

List Crew Team Record Below:

Term and Year Record	Skull # (Boat 1F, 2V, V, etc.)	Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

Do you plan to be on the Penn Crew Team this coming year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List all Individual Honors and Awards received as a Crew Member:

School Year	Honor or Award Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

**Campus Record:** (for all applicants to complete)

List your elected campus positions:

Position	Term
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

List your additional campus positions (not elected):

Position	Term
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(Use back of form for additional listings)*

**Candidate’s Statement:**

Attach a statement (250 words minimum) discussing what your Fraternity, Crew Team and/or campus involvement has meant to you and how your commitment and participation have benefited you.

**College Transcript:**

Submit with your application a transcript from your college/university registrar office that includes your grades through the fall academic term of the current school year.

**Publicity**

If you are selected as the recipient of the award, Theta Xi Foundation will request a photo for publicity purposes only. We request a digital photo submitted via e-mail to [txfn@thetaxi.org](mailto:txfn@thetaxi.org). *Please provide a high-quality portrait picture of yourself.*

**Statement of Accuracy:**

By my signature below, I state the information contained in this application is true and I further hereby authorize the Jack McSorley Memorial Leadership and Spirit Award Committee to verify any information with the appropriate Omicron Chapter officers or University of Pennsylvania administrators. I certify that it is my plan and intent to be enrolled as a full time student at University of Pennsylvania and as an active and fully participating chapter and/or crew team member.

Candidate’s Signature	Date
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**Submit completed application by the 3rd Monday in March to:**

**Theta Xi Foundation  
McSorley Scholarship Fund Committee  
P.O. Box 411393  
St. Louis, MO 63141**

**Or by email to [txhq@thetaxi.org](mailto:txhq@thetaxi.org)**