

# From the community: Brian E. Wagner Scholarship raises \$5400 at Annual Fundraiser



Community members and dedicated supporters gather every year to make the Bags for Wags fundraiser a memorable time. (Posted by peterzamar, Community Contributor)

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**T**he BEWSF (Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund) celebrated their annual Bags for Wags Bean Bag Tournament by raising an all-time high, \$5400 in net proceeds. The organization was created by a group of Brian Edwin Wagner's close family and friends to commemorate the life of an outstanding student athlete and community leader. This year's scholarship awardees will receive approximately \$2500 toward the cost of tuition in their first year of college. This distinguished honor will recognize three recipients who exemplify the same leadership qualities as Brian E. Wagner.

Twenty-eight teams participated in this friendly competition; first place was awarded to Adam Bukowski and Jack Walsh for the second year in a row! Mama Maria's restaurant who has served as the cause's

long time sponsor donated pizza for the festivities. In addition, raffle prizes with premium gifts from Chicago sports organizations and local businesses were awarded to lucky winners. Ramon Daguinsin a well-known local basketball coach for the past 25 years delivered an uplifting speech on the time he spent with Brian while coaching him at Visitation grade school. His words reflected on how the spirit of a gifted young man is still recognized as a champion in so many hearts today. He also gave credit to Brian for making one of his first coaching experiences so memorable.

The BEWSF encourages emerging young leaders who have made a positive impact in their community to apply for the scholarship award. Through the submission process, students will have the opportunity to describe how they have made a difference in their own lives and the lives of others. All applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Must have graduated 8th grade from a school in Elmhurst, IL. or be currently enrolled at a high school in Elmhurst, IL.
- Participated in a minimum of 3 extracurricular activities throughout time spent in high school
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, boss, community leader. etc.
- Fulfilled 25 hours of volunteer service with an organization that supports a cause you'd like to commit and contribute to

Visit the BEWSF website to learn more about the organization and thier scholarship offerings:  
[www.BrianEWagnerFund.org](http://www.BrianEWagnerFund.org).

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