

THE PHIL SAMKO DISTRICT 4 LEGION BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is named in honor of Phil Samko, who was involved in area baseball for many years as an umpire, coach and administrator. At the time of his death in 2012, Phil was chairman of District Four American Legion Baseball. He took this position seriously, with a hands-on approach to the job. He attended games across the district, including traveling to Maine to support District Four in the regional playoffs while receiving chemotherapy in 2011. He also believed that baseball is more than a game for Legion players, that it teaches valuable life lessons in sportsmanship and integrity. Because of this, the scholarship application focuses on how a player comports himself on the field rather than his ability to play the game.