



## **“Champion” of the Year Contest SAMPLE LETTER TO RAISE FUNDS**

My name is Abby Jones and I am a senior at Gloucester Catholic High School. I have played varsity soccer since my freshman year and have been nominated by my school as the female athlete to represent Gloucester Catholic in this year’s Adam Taliaferro Foundation “Champions” of the Year Contest.

I have been honored to have been chosen along with my fellow friend, Josh McCummings, who was chosen as the male athlete. Together we will raise money which will support this extremely important foundation and at the same time we will have the opportunity to earn a scholarship.

For those who do not know who Adam Taliaferro is, he was a football player at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, NJ who continued on to play at Penn State. In 2000, while playing for Penn State in a game against Ohio State, he suffered a spinal injury while making a tackle and was paralyzed. After spinal fusion surgery, doctors told his parents that he would probably never walk again. Three months later, Adam miraculously “walked” out of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

This foundation supports athletes who suffer head and spinal injuries in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, and also provides educational and financial support related to the research, prevention, and care of these injuries.

We will be collecting donations at most of the home football games and also throughout the lunch periods at school, but we need to do more. I am asking you at this time to please make a donation to this extremely important cause. Every dollar collected matters.

At Gloucester Catholic we consider ourselves a family where “everyone knows your name!” I am very proud to be part of the GCHS family and would like very much to win this contest on behalf of Gloucester Catholic while supporting an unbelievable and worthwhile cause.

Donations can be made to The Adam Taliaferro Foundation and can be mailed to: 233 Tall Pines Drive; Sewell, NJ 08080 You may also choose to make your donation online at the following web site:

<http://magee.akaraisin.com/ATFChampion>

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Abby Jones, Gloucester Catholic High School Senior