

The Kenny Huffman Tennis Classic

Mission Statement

The mission of the Kenneth Huffman Memorial Tennis Foundation, Inc., is to raise funds through promotion of the annual Kenny Huffman Tennis Classic tennis tournament, with the funds raised by that tournament being utilized to promote the growth of tennis at all levels of play in Eastern Kentucky; to provide an annual scholarship in memory of Kenny Huffman to a deserving junior player in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Regions to aid in getting a college education, and further to promote health/fitness, friendship, sportsmanship, and a general family environment within our community.

Tournament Overview

Kenneth Warren Huffman (1944 – 1973) was born in Pikeville, KY. He was a graduate of Pikeville High School and Pikeville College. Kenny played tennis from age sixteen to the age of twenty-eight when he became terminally ill with cancer. He was a member of the Pikeville College Tennis Team and was one of Pikeville's best tennis players – winning every tournament he entered. His enthusiasm for tennis was contagious. In 1973, following his death, Pikeville College renamed their tennis courts "The Kenneth Warren Huffman Memorial Tennis Courts" in Kenny's honor due to his influence on tennis in the area. Also, Sue Huffman, Kenny's wife, established a tennis endowment scholarship named in her husband's honor. She also started a tournament in Kenny's name that became an annual memorial classic tournament, this being the 47rd year. The tournament and scholarships are made possible through memberships, donations, and entry fees, and is managed by a committee of eleven members.

The 2024 – 2025 winners of the Huffman Scholarship were Clara McNamee & Phoenix Eddington.

The Kenny Huffman Tennis Classic Tournament for 2025 will take place July 25-27. It will take place at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville, KY. For more information, please visit our website at www.kenhuffclass.org. You may also call Jim Vanover at 606-794-4161 or Freddie Napier at 606-213-6775 or Sue Huffman Stanley at 404-483-6051.