



Student Athlete Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

Aspire to Ascend Foundation (A2A) provides scholarships to children, who without financial assistance would be unable to participate in sports programs. In certain cases, the scholarship may also provide assistance for registration fees & club fees required to participate in sports.

A2A is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with limited funding available for scholarships. No guarantee of assistance is implied by this application. If the number of scholarship applications submitted and approved exceeds the amount available, the scholarships will be awarded by a lottery system. **A2A does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its program and activities.**

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athletes must be of eligible age to participate in youth Sports Programs.
- Parents/Guardians commit that the athlete will attend a minimum of **90% of all scheduled practices and games for recreational sports and 95% of all scheduled practices and games for competitive sports.**
- Parents/Guardians agree to volunteer a minimum of **8 hours**, per scholarship recipient, with a maximum of **20 hours** per family per calendar year. Hours will support A2A related activities and must be completed no later than 1 month after the sport in which the scholarship was granted has completed.



QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide all information required to help A2A determine qualifications. Scholarship consideration will be given to families that meet the following criteria:

- Provide a copy of your IRS form 1040 from the recent tax year.
- Receive assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. and can provide written documentation of participation in these programs.
- Provide recommendation by school representative, social worker, youth community center workers or other social service representative.
- Provide a written statement of immediate financial hardship explaining the current situation. A2A recognizes that a family may not be receiving formal assistance from the programs mentioned above, yet financial assistance may still be needed to participate in youth sports programs. In these instances, the A2A scholarship board will consider the financial hardship statement to determine scholarship eligibility. Please provide any supporting documentation that may support the facts in your financial hardship statement.
- Complete the application process and read and sign the Terms and Conditions statement. **Incomplete applications will automatically be denied.**

Aspire to Ascend Foundation
<https://aspiretoascendfoundation.org>

PROCEDURE

Scholarship requests must be submitted to A2A by 1 month prior to the start of a sport's season in order to be considered.

A parent, guardian, or head of household must complete the application, with all requested information provided. All items on the Scholarship Terms and Conditions must be initialed and the form must be signed and dated.

Incomplete or late applications will be denied.

As indicated above, all of the following must be included to be considered for scholarship:

- Income documentation (i.e., previous year tax returns, current paystubs).
- State or Federal assistance documentation.
- Letter from school, social worker, youth community center worker, or another social services representative.
- Letter of hardship.
- The A2A Scholarship Committee will consider all scholarship applications completed with all necessary documentation and received by the deadline.
- The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available.
- The parent, guardian or head of household will be notified in either case of a scholarship being awarded or not.
- Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. Athlete must still register online or in person for the sport for which the scholarship was awarded.



A2A Student Athlete Scholarship Application Terms and Conditions

"I", "me" and "my" refer to the adult scholarship applicant.

_____ 1. By signing this form, I certify that the information contained in this scholarship packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ 2. By signing this form, I agree to be bound by the responsibilities and expectations set forth in this application if I receive a scholarship.

_____ 3. I understand that members of the A2A Board of Directors consider each scholarship application on a case-by-case basis.

_____ 4. I understand that no guarantee of assistance is implied by this application and scholarships are awarded if funds are available.

_____ 5. I understand that unless I am awarded basic equipment as part of my scholarship, I am responsible for any equipment and uniforms required for my child's participation.

_____ 6. I understand that scholarship money will not be paid directly to the individual recipient, nor will any money be refunded to the individual recipient.

_____ 7. I understand that if any information provided during the scholarship application is deemed inaccurate, A2A may immediately terminate my child's privilege to benefit from the scholarship program, and in the case any information was intentionally false, I will repay A2A the full value of any scholarship awarded.

_____ 8. I understand that if a scholarship is awarded to my child or multiple children, I am required to volunteer 8 hours, per scholarship recipient, with a maximum of 20 hours required per calendar year. Failure to satisfy this condition will disqualify me, my child(-ren), and my immediate family from being considered for another scholarship for 12 months.

_____ 9. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my child(-ren) attend 90% of all scheduled practices and games for recreation sports and 95% of all scheduled practices and games for competitive sports.

_____ 10. This application is considered private and will not be shared with anyone other than the scholarship review board.

_____ Printed Name of Adult Applicant

_____ Name of Student Athlete

_____ Signature of Adult Applicant

_____ Date



ATHLETE INFORMATION		
Athlete's Name:	Age:	Birth date:
Address:		
Street:	City:	State & Zip Code:
School Athlete Attends:	Grade:	
Teacher's Name:	School Phone:	
Athlete lives with: () Both Parents () Mother () Father () Other		
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Total Household Annual Income: \$		
Number of dependent children in your household during the last tax year:		
Number of people in your household total:		
Father/Guardian Name & Occupation:		
Employer Name & Address:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:
Father/Guardian Monthly Income (Including Alimony & Child Support) \$:		
Mother/Guardian Monthly Income (Including Alimony & Child Support) \$:		
Mother/Guardian Name & Occupation:		
Employer Name & Address:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:
Do you currently receive state or federal financial assistance? () Yes () No		
If yes, what type?		
If you receive state or federal financial assistance, is this your sole source of income?		
() Yes		
() No		
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION		
Amount of scholarship requested:	Full \$	Partial \$
Sport for scholarship request: () Baseball () Basketball () Flag Football () Tackle Football () Lacrosse () Soccer () Softball () Volleyball () Wrestling () Golf		
Do you also request additional assistance to purchase basic equipment needed for this sport season? () Yes () No		
PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION		
What other sport(s) has your child played?		
Name of Team & Organization:		
What was the cost of the sport(s) played?		
Has your athlete received scholarship before? () Yes () No		
If yes, which sports:		
Year(s):		
Amount \$:		
Please indicate supporting documentation being provided:		
() Proof of income		
() Proof of receipt of state or federal financial assistance		
() Letter from school, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives.		
() Written Personal Statement of Immediate Financial Hardship		

Other (*explain in detail*):