



2010 College Scholarship Program Qualifications & Application Form

QUALIFICATIONS:

Sarasota County male or female senior amateur athletes with demonstrated athletic commitment and financial need to attend college. Applicants must be planning to attend college in Fall 2010 and will be required to submit acceptance letter from a two or four-year accredited college along with a class schedule or other proof of enrollment to receive the scholarship. A limited number of \$500 scholarships are available. All information noted under "Criteria" must be provided along with a signed application form. Upon acceptance, each student's scholarship will be submitted directly to the student athlete for educational expenses.

CRITERIA: A selection committee will review and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated commitment to sports and athletic advancement this student has portrayed
2. Demonstrated financial need and explanation about the student's financial situation as well as the student's education goals. This can be done on the application form or in a letter accompanying the application form and can be submitted by the athlete, a parent, legal guardian, coach or other close family member or friend on the athlete's behalf. An official financial statement or tax return is not required.
3. Three Letters of support for the athlete from their coach(s), teacher(s), high school counselor or others
4. Name and address of the college or university that the athlete is planning to attend
5. Personal essay describing the athlete's future plans and goals and how this scholarship will impact them.
6. Cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher

Additional consideration will be given for the following:

1. Honors and recognition in the individual's sport(s)
2. Community and/or service organization involvement or work experience
3. Academic accomplishments
4. Sportsmanship – how this individual has represented their team, community and organization and their outreach to others

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 7, 2010

Completed applications forms must be postmarked on or before May 7, 2010 and mailed to Sarasota Area Sports Authority, PO Box 663, Sarasota, FL 34230, emailed to nicole.rissler@gmail.com, or faxed to 1-866-321-1468.

ABOUT SASA:

Founded in 2001, the Sarasota Area Sports Authority (SASA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide community outreach and awareness of sports programs and events in the Sarasota area, including offering scholarships and college tuition grants to qualified high school athletes. For more information visit www.sarasotasportsauthority.org.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the entire application form and requested summaries and letters of recommendation along with any additional information you deem appropriate for consideration.

Please return the completed form to: Nicole Rissler, SASA, PO Box 663, Sarasota, FL 34230, email to nicole.rissler@gmail.com or fax to 1-866-321-1468, **no later than May 7, 2010**. Any questions can be directed to Nick Mavrikas at (941) 232-8710.

GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All applicants will be notified in writing on or before June 1, 2010 if they have or have not been awarded one of the college tuition grants.



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Note: all portions of the application form must be completed to be considered for the grant

Date: _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (Circle)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School: _____

Sport(s): _____

Coach and/or Guidance Counselor Names as references (please provide at least 2):

College or University planning to attend for Fall 2010 and contact information (attach acceptance letter and address/admissions contact if not noted on letter; class schedule must be mailed prior to receiving scholarship):

Please include the following with the completed application form:

1. Summary of demonstrated athletic commitment
2. Summary that demonstrates student's financial need
3. Three Letters of recommendation from coach(s), teacher(s), high school counselor or others
4. Personal Essay
5. Copy of report card showing cumulative 3.0 GPA average or higher

Any additional information you would like considered should be included with your application but not to exceed 3 pages.

Name of person completing this application: _____ Phone# _____

Contact Email: _____

Relationship to student: _____

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