

BELLEVUE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Bellevue Athletic Association (BAA) may grant registration fee scholarships to youth who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in the program. The BAA scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for youths to participate in competitive sports because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits this program can provide.

Scholarships are only available to cover the cost of registration for the BAA teams and are not available to cover any additional costs (uniforms and equipment other than what is provided).

Scholarships will not be awarded until one (1) week prior to the registration deadline. The Scholarship Committee, which consists of the current Board, will consider all complete applications received by the application deadline. The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number of applicants and the amount of scholarship funds available. Scholarships are awarded for one (1) season per registrant and are only valued for one (1) season at a time, therefore, individuals must reapply each year they are requesting assistance.

BAA is a non-profit organization with a very limited amount of funding available for scholarship athletes. No guarantee of assistance is implied in the application.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athlete must be enrolled in a Tennessee school in the grades of Kindergarten up to 6th.
- Commitment to attend a minimum of 85% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by an adult family member in at least eight (8) hours of voluntary service to BAA during the football season. Volunteer work will be under the direction of the BAA Scholarship committee, and can include working in concession stands, field work (picking up trash) or other duties as assigned by BAA Scholarship Committee.
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or head of household, with all requested information provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application is on the following page.

Application Process:

- Complete the BAA Scholarship Application Form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- Mail application to address listed on the bottom of the application prior to the application deadline.
- Include with application proof of current income for all household members. Examples Include:
 - 1 Month of current consecutive pay stubs (4 weekly, 3 bi-weekly, or 2 bi-monthly paystubs).
 - Printout from Social Security Administration.
 - Most recent completed tax return.
 - Notarized letter stating that applicant has no income.
- Scholarship application approval will be based on verification of financial need.
- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, funding and space available basis.

Consideration will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below. The more information you can provide us the better able we will be to determine hardship. A written request is required.

- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs)
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social services representatives, family, or friend of the family.
- Living in a single parent home.
- Member of a multi-child family.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship.

BAA does not discriminate based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.

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Confidentiality: BAA will use the information on the application only to decide if you child qualifies to receive a partial or full scholarship for eligible athletic activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the BAA Scholarship Committee. Coaches, assistant coaches, or volunteer helpers will not be informed of a participant's financial or scholarship status.

*****Please note:** Approval of a scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. You must still register the athlete in the football program.

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Please complete the following information, one (1) application per child.

Athlete's Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____ **Male / Female**

Address: _____
Street City State
Zip

Amount of Scholarship requested (Circle One): Full or Partial

Amount paid at registration: \$ _____

Has athlete received scholarship from the BAA in the past? () Yes () No Amount:
\$ _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Address: _____
Street City State
Zip

Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____ **(home)** _____ - _____ - _____ **(cell)** _____ - _____ - _____ **(work)**

Athlete lives with: () Both Parents () Mother () Father () Other _____

Total Household Annual Income: \$ _____

Does your child qualify for free or reduced school lunch? Yes or No

Fill out this form and give to BAA with one or more (not including required proof of income) of the following attachments:

- Written/Request from Parent/Guardian (*Required)
- Documentation showing receipt of assistance such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc.
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social services representatives, family, or friend of the family.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship.

Mail Application and Supporting Documents to:

Bellevue Athletic Association
P.O. Box 210395
Nashville, TN 37221

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

- I understand that my signature authorizes the BAA to obtain verification of all information on this application and that additional information may be necessary for approval of this application.
- I certify that all of the information I have supplied is true and correct.
- I understand that this application does not guarantee an opening or acceptance into the BAA program, or a scholarship award
- I understand that my child's participation in the scholarship program requires a commitment to attend the scheduled practices and games as outlined.
- I understand that participation by an adult family member in at least eight (8) hours of voluntary service as outlined is required for participation in the scholarship program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Scholarships will not be awarded until one (1) week prior to the registration deadline.

Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by mail, email, or phone.

Participants will be responsible for any, and all remaining balances and must pay their portion at the time of registration.

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Amount, if any, Awarded \$ _____

Volunteer Hours Served _____

BAA President

BAA Athletic Director