

Section III Scholarship Application

The purpose of the Section III Scholarship is to provide financial assistance toward higher education while fostering and recognizing the character development opportunities and life lessons that are engrained in Interscholastic Athletics. The scholarship process promotes and acknowledges the important role that interscholastic athletics plays in our student-athletes' lives, and how athletics have impacted athlete's lives and choices. Candidates should complete the student section of the application and communicate with the school Athletic Director and School Counselor to complete the other portions. The scholarship award amount is \$2,000 per scholarship, and is presented to three graduating males and three graduating females. This scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate significant financial need as well as academic and personal merit.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Section III Office at 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Suite 201, East Syracuse, NY 13057 by May 15. All applications on file by May 15 will be considered for the coming college year.

STUDENT

Contact Information:

Student Name _____ Date of Graduation _____
Address _____
E-mail _____ Phone Number _____

College Plans:

Colleges to which you have applied; Please indicate whether you have been accepted and where you plan to attend if known: _____

Letters of Recommendation:

Applicants will submit three letters of reference to help the committee determine character, level of financial need, and dedication to education. Please indicate who will be submitting your letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Applicant Essay & Financial Documentation:

Applicants will submit an essay (no more than two pages double spaced in length) that addresses the life lessons they have learned through their high school athletic participation.

Applicants will demonstrate financial need by providing a copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report, including their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Code, as well as the financial aid award letter from the college they plan to attend. Both the essay and financial aid information should be attached to this application.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Please confirm that this applicant qualifies for free and reduced lunch status _____

Applicants must have a minimum 80 overall GPA. Please indicate this applicant's overall GPA _____

Please attach an unofficial copy of this student's high school transcript.

I, the undersigned, am an employee of this applicant's school district, and I am authorized to verify the above information and certify that it is accurate.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Applicants must have participated in Varsity athletics as indicated below.

- (a) minimum of two sports in grades 9-12 (*sport as recognized by NYSPHSAA)
- (b) minimum of two years in both sports, at either the JV or Varsity level
- (c) must have earned at least one varsity letter in two different sports

Please indicate the sports, level, grade and letters that this applicant has earned.

SPORT	LEVEL	GRADE	LETTER EARNED

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Purpose

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For the 2017-18 School year this annual scholarship award will be a total of \$12,000, distributed as \$2,000 awards to three senior boys and three senior girls in Section III who intend to attend an institute of higher education.

Criteria:

1. Applicants must be seniors intending to enter college (2 year or 4 year).
2. Applicants must have free and reduced lunch status (counselors will confirm during application process).
3. Applicants must have a minimum 80 overall GPA.
4. Applicants must have participated in Varsity athletics as indicated below:
 - (a) a minimum of two sports in grades 9-12 (*sport as recognized by NYSPHSAA)
 - (b) a minimum of two years in both sports, at either the JV or Varsity level
 - (c) must have earned at least one varsity letter in two different sports
5. Applicants will submit three letters of reference to help the committee determine character, level of financial need, and dedication to education.
6. Applicants will submit an essay (no more than two pages double spaced in length) that addresses their need for financial assistance and the life lessons they have learned through their high school athletic participation.

Regulations

1. Application forms and regulations for the Section III Scholarship will be available on the Section III Website.
2. Determining the number of awards and the amount of the awards:
 - The Section III Finance Committee will make an annual recommendation as to the amount of money that will be allotted to fund the Section III Merit Scholarships.
 - The Section III Scholar-Athlete Awards Committee will make an annual decision concerning the scholarship amounts and the number of students to receive the scholarship.
 - The Section III Executive Committee must approve the annual decisions made by the Finance and Scholarship Committees.
3. Applications must be submitted to the Section III Office and returned to 4983 Brittonfield Parkway, Suite 201, East Syracuse, NY 13057 by **May 15**. All applications on file by **May 15** will be considered for the coming college year.
4. Funds shall be disbursed by the Treasurer of Section III and payment will be made directly to the college. One half of the scholarship amount will be paid at the beginning of the students' first semester or trimester and the balance at the beginning of the students' second semester or trimester.
5. The Section III Scholar-Athlete Awards Committee shall withdraw the scholarship award to any recipient on notice that the recipient of a scholarship has withdrawn from college.
6. The Section III office will notify each District that has a scholarship winner and will inform both the District and the winner of pertinent procedures.