

WNY Physically Challenged Youth – 2016-2017 Educational Grant Program

2016-2017 Grant Program Fund Accrual	\$3,000
2016-2017 Budgeted Award Payout	\$3,000
2016-2017 Maximum # of Grants Available	6
2016-2017 Individual Grant Value	\$500 - \$1,000

Purpose of Grant:

- o Assist students with grant funds to defray costs of post high-school education tuition and/or related material expenses
- o Encourage and support members and associates of the organization to pursue post high school educational opportunities

Who is Eligible?

- o Current active players
- o Immediate family of active players including parents, children and siblings
- o Members of the board of directors
- o Immediate family of the board of directors including parents and children
- o Current active Volunteer Pushers and Coaches
- o The Grant Program Committee shall make a determination of whether an applicant meets eligibility requirements prior to forwarding an application to the Grant Assessment Panel to review

Restrictions:

- o Limit one award per person
- o No limit to number of awards per family

Minimum Qualifications:

- o High school degree or equivalency
- o Proof of enrollment or acceptance in a post high-school education program:
 - Accredited professional training or vocational program
 - College, University or Junior College

Application Information:

- o Applicants Name, Address, Phone Number
- o High School Information (school name, address, year graduated, activities/special interests)
- o Post-High School Education Information (school name, address, program name and description)
- o Proof of enrollment or acceptance for upcoming school year
- o One short essay describing how you will use these funds and how you have been involved with WNY Physically Challenged Youth Sports program in the past (200 words or less)

Awards:

- o Award winners will be determined in the month of June by an impartial panel
- o Awards will be paid to recipient via a single lump sum check in the month of July
 - Note: Copies of a tuition bill or receipts for related educational materials will be necessary to substantiate the proper purpose of the grant prior to check being issued

Board of Director Approval:

- o The Board of Directors retains the right to modify this program at any time
- o The Board of Directors retains the right to reject any applicants
- o The Board of Directors shall create an Educational Grant Program Committee
- o The Educational Grant Program Committee shall select an impartial Grant Assessment Panel