

HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- 1.1 The Program** - The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP is a program whose goal is to annually recognize and to honor a young man and woman who excel in, athletics, academics, and school/community service involvement who are current Hooksett residents and in their final year of high school.
- 1.2 The Sponsors** - The program is sponsored and funded solely by the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.
- 1.3 The Scholarship Criteria** - Recipients of the scholarships will be selected based on three criteria: athletics, academics, and service.
- 1.4 The Scholarships** - The selected male (1) and female (1) scholar-athletes will be awarded \$1,000.00 each to attend the college of their choice.
- 1.5 Equal Opportunity** - The kinds of excellence that the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION program seek to honor know no distinctions based on race, color, religion, national origin, or any other criteria other than personal drive, dedication, ability, and achievement.

2. ELEGIBILITY AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS

- 2.1 Who is Eligible** - Anyone who is current Hooksett resident and a full-time student in their final year of high school and has participated in a HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION sport or activity, except anyone who is a professional athlete or the relative of a sitting member of the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Board of Directors.

NOTE: Students who accept athletic scholarships from an NCAA school may have eligibility concerns with these scholarships.

- 2.2 Who May Nominate** – The nomination process is a self-directed process initiated by the scholar-athlete. Thorough completion of the application form is required.
- 2.3 Nomination Deadline** - All materials are to be received by the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION by the first Friday of May each year. There will be no exceptions or extensions. **Materials received after this date will not be accepted.**
- 2.4 Where to Send Materials** – Send the nomination form and materials:

**HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP
P.O BOX 16019
HOOKSETT, NH 03106**

- 2.5 Rejected Nominations** - Nomination materials will be rejected if they are illegible, missing required signatures, or fail to include required information and a high school transcript that reflects grades through the first half of the final year of high school. Rejected nominations will not be submitted to the selection process.
- 2.6 Verification** – The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION reserves the right to request additional written or documentary information in support of any statement contained in the nomination materials, before considering such statement in the selection process.

3. THE SELECTION CRITERIA

- 3.1 Athletics** - Excellence in athletics will usually be demonstrated by measurable achievement on the court or playing field. The program includes students who have excelled in individual sports as well as team sports. The goal is to select outstanding young athletes, whatever their sport and activity.
- 3.2 Academics** - Academic excellence is not always reflected by such objective measures as grades, test scores, or class ranking. There are students who excel academically and who may for one reason or another not tested well, or whose grade averages have been adversely affected by illness, or personal difficulties. The program and the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION are looking for students who meet this broader definition of academic excellence.
- 3.3 School/Community Service** - All school-related activities will be considered in this area, including such things as band, forensics, student government, etc. Student leadership positions and responsibilities are important. The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION specifically includes in their consideration non-traditional forms of community service, such as care of an elderly neighbor, or participation in a youth club involved in anti-drug activities or involvement in local efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment, improvement of the community and the individuals in it.

4. THE SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1 Certifying** - Shortly after the deadline, the Selection Committee established by the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will review all nominations to see that they meet the specific guidelines of the program and have all the requested information.
- 4.2 Application of Criteria** - The Selection Committee will apply the three-program criteria to identify one young man and one young woman who best demonstrate excellence in all three.
- 4.3 Disqualification** - The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION reserves the right to declare a Recipient disqualified in the event that at any time after submission of the nomination, he or she acts in such a way that, in the opinion of the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, may bring them or the program into disrepute.
- 4.4 Notification** -The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will promptly notify the recipient's school's principal of his or her selection.
- 4.5 Selection Committee** - The Selection Committee is appointed by the President of the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION with the consent of the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Board of Directors.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS

- 5.1 Scholarships** – One male and one female recipient will be given a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

6. THE SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

- 6.1 HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Presentation** – The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will request the presence of the awardees at an awards ceremony. The principal is strongly encouraged to attend along with the parents and athletic director. The time and place will be communicated in a timely manner.

- 6.2 School Presentation** - The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION agrees to send a representative to the school for an official award ceremony at a time determined by the school principal.
- 6.3 Releases** - Each Recipient agrees to permit the release of the award to the media and agrees to the use of his or her name and likeness in connection with publicity for the program and the possible recording and broadcast of the awards ceremony.
- 6.4 Media** - The HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD Program asks that Recipients, school personnel and their parents are as cooperative in dealing with media representatives as directed by the sponsor.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1 These Rules** - These rules set out the basic structure of the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR-ATHLETE scholarship program and are written to address the principle questions that Nominators, Nominees, and Recipients will ask. They are not, however, intended to be legally binding upon the HOOKSETT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, nor do they constitute the terms of a contract or an offer to contract. The rules may be changed periodically (although they will not be changed retroactively) by the sponsors without notice.

Program Criteria

Athletics

Excellence in athletics will usually be demonstrated by measurable achievement on the court or playing field. We want to include students who have excelled in individual sports as well as team sports. Our goal is to select outstanding young athletes, whatever their sport(s) or activities. Participation, athletic excellence, leadership, and sportsmanship in multiple sports will be given the highest consideration.

Academics

Academic excellence is not always reflected solely by such objective measures as grades, test scores, or class ranking. There are students who excel academically and yet who may for one reason or another not test well, or whose grade averages has been pulled down by illness, or personal difficulties. We are looking for students who meet this broader definition of academic excellence.

School/Community Service

All school-related activities such as band, forensics, student government, etc. should be included in this area. Student leadership positions and responsibilities should be described in full. In evaluating a young person's service to the community, it is necessary to take context into account. We specifically want to include in our consideration non-traditional forms of community service. These might include care of the elderly, participation in a youth club, involvement in anti-drug activities, or involvement in local efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment.