



2024 Athlete Scholarship Program Structure

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Athlete Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher educational goals for individuals who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, have made positive contributions to their school through involvement in cheerleading and illustrate involvement in other extracurricular and community service programs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. The applicant must be entering a post-secondary program in the fall (any year) to pursue a course of study within Canada, leading to a degree or diploma from an accredited university or college.
 - a. Proof of program enrolment will be required prior to the release of funds to successful candidates.
2. The applicant must be a Registrant in Good Standing of the OCF and a participant of a Member in Good Standing (club) of the OCF for the 2023-2024 season by April 1, 2024.
3. The applicant must have a minimum of three (3) years active cheerleading experience.
4. The applicant can only receive an OCF scholarship once.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the candidate's academic abilities, the Scholarship & Grant Committee will evaluate the candidate's contribution to their school and community. The candidate must be a leader in their cheerleading program as well as in their community through volunteer activities. Applications will be assessed using the [2024 Athlete Scholarship Rubric](#). *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

The applicant must complete the appropriate scholarship application form ([Secondary School Scholarship Application Form](#) or [Post Secondary Scholarship Application Form](#)) and with it submit the following information and documentation in order to qualify for this scholarship:

1. Applicant and guardian (if applicable) contact information
2. Cheerleading experience/background
3. Academic status and history
 - a. Official Academic Transcript (current midterm or final marks, if available plus previous year's final marks.)
 - i. Secondary School Applicants: Ontario Ministry of Education Transcript (see your guidance counsellor on how to obtain this document).
 - ii. Post Secondary School Applicants: Official transcript from the Registrar's Office of the institution.
 - b. Awards and accolades
4. Volunteer experience
 - a. Post Secondary Applicants only: Minimum of forty (40) hours of volunteer work verified by completion of the [OCF Volunteer Hour Confirmation Form](#).
5. Community involvement and extracurricular activities
6. Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - a. These letters should include the length of the relationship, your accomplishments, strengths and weaknesses and contact information (phone number and email address). You should have one letter from each of the following individuals (minimum length of relationship of one (1) year):
 - i. Cheerleading Coach
 - ii. Teacher/professor/community outside of the scope of cheerleading
7. Written response from you describing why you are deserving of this scholarship (500-750 words)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Successful applicants will be awarded scholarships based upon the number of applicants and the quality of their application. Seventy-five (75) percent of the scholarships will be awarded to secondary school applicants and twenty-five (25) percent may be awarded to post-secondary students. All applicants will be notified by email whether or not they have received a scholarship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 4 PM ON MAY 24, 2024