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DEADLINE FOR VERIZON FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP APPROACHES
Scholarship applications for Bay State athletes must be submitted by June 11

WOBURN, MA- This summer, the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF) is celebrating the 27th anniversary of the Bay State Games, which will be held July 7-20. The annual Olympic-style competition allows Massachusetts residents of all ages and abilities to compete in 24 different sports. Along with offering sports competition, the Bay State Games, in partnership with Verizon, annually awards six \$2,000 college scholarships to participants of the Bay State Summer and Winter Games.

The Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship aims to identify young men and women who demonstrate leadership through community service, academic achievement, and athletic excellence. Over the past 18 years, the Verizon Future Leaders Scholarship program has distributed over \$200,000 to students who wish to further their education. Scholarship recipients have represented all regions of the Bay State including the Berkshires and Cape Cod and have attended prestigious institutions including Boston College, Harvard University, Wake Forest University, and the University of Notre Dame.

Student athletes who wish to receive one of six scholarships awarded must be in 11th grade as of the 2007-2008 academic school year. Applicants also must have either participated in the 2008 Winter Games, or are registered and will agree to participate in the upcoming Summer Games. Athletes do not need to make a final roster to be eligible for the scholarship. Interviews for those selected will be held in late June.

Applications for the scholarship must be post marked no later than Wednesday, June 11. Applications are available with your high school athletic director, guidance counselor, or on the Bay State Games website at <http://www.baystategames.org/summer/scholarships.asp>. For more information regarding the scholarship, please call the Bay State Games' office (781) 932-6555.

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