

2012 BAY STATE GAMES FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Bay State Games Future Leaders Scholarship, which awards six \$2000 college scholarships to Bay State Games participants, aims to identify young men and women who will be tomorrow's leaders. The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is proud to award these scholarships to six student-athletes who demonstrate leadership through community service, academic excellence and athletic achievement.

For more than 20 years, over \$250,000 has been distributed to students who wish to continue their education. Past recipients have gone on to successful careers at prestigious institutions including Boston College, Colby College, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Princeton University, Providence College, Stanford University, Trinity College, Tufts University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania and Wake Forest University.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation and Verizon award these scholarships because they believe the true value of athletic participation lies not in the outcome, but in the lessons learned. Sports teach responsibility to self and to others, foster a sense of self-worth and develop an appreciation for the importance of setting goals and working to achieve them. If learned well, these lessons help make effective leaders - in business, education and the community.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be:

- A Junior (11th grader) at any Massachusetts secondary school as of the 2012-2012 academic year, regardless of state of residence OR a Massachusetts resident who is a Junior (11th grader), even if he or she attends school out-of-state.
- Registered and agree to participate in the 2012 Bay State Winter Games or Summer Games at every level for which he/ she qualifies (tryouts, qualifiers, finals). You DO NOT need to make the Finals or be on a Final Roster to qualify.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please do not staple any part of the application materials

Materials

The applicant must provide the following in one envelope:

- Completed application form
- Personal statements **typed** on separate paper
- Recommendation from coach or athletic director in a **sealed envelope**
- Recommendation from a guidance counselor, teacher or principal in a **sealed envelope**
- Official school transcript including the first half of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Recommendations

- Recommendations should be typed, one page in length, signed by author and sealed in an envelope.
- Recommendations should address the applicant's demonstrated leadership abilities and achievements. It should give a clear sense of what qualities make the applicant unique and deserving of the Future Leaders Scholarship.

CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded to six students, two from each of three regions of the state:

Region 1: Metro Boston/Northeast **Region 2: Southeast/Coastal** **Region 3: Central/West**

Regions will be determined by the location of the student's permanent residence. If a student resides **out-of-state**, his/her region will be determined by the location of the educational institution that he/she attends.

Region breakdowns and Town Codes can be found online at www.baystategames.org.

Bay State Games will verify with entry records that all scholarship entrants have participated in or registered for the 2012 Bay State Winter Games or the 2012 Bay State Summer Games.

The selection process will begin with a review of each applicant's personal statements, written recommendations and transcript. From each region, six finalists - three male and three female - will be chosen for personal interviews.

The Entry Deadline is Wednesday, June 6.

Finalists will be notified by Tuesday, June 12 and interviews will be held June 18, 19 or 20 depending on region.

June 18 - Metro Boston/Northeast; June 19 - Southeast/Coastal; June 20 - Central/West

All athletes must be available for the interview process. All candidates selected for interviews are strongly urged to attend in person. Athletes who cannot attend the scholarship interview must make themselves available for a teleconference call on the dates noted above. Athletes who can't attend the interview either live or via phone will forfeit their opportunity to be considered for the scholarship.

AWARDS & PAYMENT

All scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, June 22. The \$2,000 scholarship award will be made directly to the college or university of the awardee upon receipt of his or her first year fall tuition bill.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(Please type or print)

NAME _____

BAY STATE GAMES SPORT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL (Please Include the TOWN located in _____)

Please supply the following information about the people writing your recommendations:

1. NAME _____ ORGANIZATION/TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, _____

2. NAME _____ ORGANIZATION/TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, _____

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Please type, double-spaced, on separate piece of paper. No staples. Please conform to the recommended length for numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5.

1. List, in order of importance to you, the activities and programs in which you participate (academic, athletic, extracurricular and community service). Include time commitments, number of years you have been involved and any leadership positions held.
2. Select one non-athletic activity from question 1. Explain how your experiences have influenced your attitudes and achievements. (300 words)
3. Describe a person who has been a great leader in your life. What characteristics do they possess that makes them a great leader? (300 words)
4. What does community service mean to you? How do you plan on giving back to the community in the future? (150-200 words)
5. What has your involvement in athletics taught you about yourself? Describe a specific experience you have had in athletics that has had a profound impact on you. (300 words)

**Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation
Bay State Games Future Leaders Scholarship
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APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE

- * Completed application form (NO STAPLES)
- * Recommendations in sealed envelope
- * Copy of your academic transcript

The Future Leaders Scholarship is organized by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation. Selection of the scholarship winners is the responsibility of the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation