

January 21,2022

OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Information

Dear Principal:

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is again pleased to make available to you information necessary to support the application of one senior female and one senior male student-athlete from your high school for one of the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarships. In addition, we are pleased to continue our Ethnic Minority Scholarship program, which will permit the selection of one additional scholarship recipient from each of the six OHSAA athletic districts. You may submit one senior female minority and one senior male minority candidate for these scholarships in addition to your two other candidates.

You as the principal (or if you would like to designate an administrator) of each high school is responsible for insuring that only the most qualified student-athletes complete the applications. Each school may submit only one male, one female, one male ethnic minority and one female ethnic minority candidate for scholarship consideration. Each candidate must meet these minimum qualifications:

- Must be a graduating senior.
- Minimum grade point average – 3.25 on a 4.0 scale upon completion of the seventh semester. Note: GPAs must be converted to a 4.0 scale.
- Must have received a minimum of three varsity letters in one OHSAA sanctioned sport or four varsity letters in a combination of any two or more OHSAA sanctioned sports. ***Please note that cheerleading is not a sanctioned OHSAA sport.***
- **RECIPIENTS OF ANY ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS (FULL OR PARTIAL) IN NCAA DIVISION I OR II INSTITUTIONS OR APPOINTEES TO MILITARY ACADEMIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.** The reason why we are unable to extend this opportunity to D I or II Grant in Aid recipients is due to the fact that the NCAA will reduce the grant based on the awarding of any other scholarship money. Therefore, please do your best to avoid sending these students for consideration. We want this money to go directly to the student for his/her educational expenses.

1. **Schools should develop a screening process** to select the top male, top female, top ethnic minority male and top ethnic minority female candidates. Once the candidates have been selected the school will activate the scholarship applications.
2. **Scholarship activation instructions and login information will be sent to you on Monday, January 31, 2022.**
3. Once the applications are activated, each candidate and the school counselor will receive via email their unique account login credentials. **Please follow up with everyone to ensure receipt of these emails. Please login periodically to check each phase of the application process.** If any issues occur, please immediately contact Kim Kiehl at kkiehl@ohsaa.org or 614-267-2502, ext. 133. Student login credentials allow access to the student's application. School counselor login credentials allow access to each student's application as well as track the progress of each application. The administrative login also allows access to each candidate's application and displays the application's progress. The administrator will also have access to view the login credentials for their school. *Note: After the student and/or school counselor has submitted their portions of the application, only the administrator can make changes to the application.*

4. There are several steps to the application process: Student, School Counselor and selected School Administrator.

Students:

Students must complete their portion of the application first. Students will enter the athletic honors they have received during their high school participation in OHSAA sanctioned sports. Students are to complete their applications prior to **March 28, 2022**. Students that have indicated on their application that they will participate in a 2022 spring sport and will be filing an addendum to their athletic honors, have from **May 2, 2022**, until **June 13, 2022**, to complete the addendum.

School Counselor:

The school counselor should add the academic information to each student's application after the student has submitted their application (but prior to them filling out their spring sport addendum, if they'll have one). The information includes the number in the graduating class and the student's rank in the class. **Note:** *Access prior to the student's submission is restricted. Encourage your students to directly notify the school counselor once they have completed their portion so the counselor can complete theirs.*

Administrator:

After the student and school counselor have submitted their portions of the application, only the administrator can make changes to the application. **DO NOT send any application to the District Athletic Board or OHSAA.**

Scholarship application timeline:

- **February 1, 2022** – school administrators may begin activating their scholarship applications.
- **March 28, 2022** – deadline for all student candidates to submit their applications.
- **April 29, 2022** – deadline for school counselors to submit their portion.
- **May 2, 2022** – spring sport addendum entry/update opens.
- **June 13, 2022** – deadline for spring sport addendums to be submitted.

Only scholarship winners will be notified by the respective District Athletic Board in which your school resides.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is very pleased to be able to continue this scholarship program. **We want to strongly promote active communication within your building regarding the scholar-athlete application process, as it is truly a team effort!** Thank you for your cooperation in the selection process.