

PROFESSIONAL **ATHLETES** FOUNDATION
THE GENE UPSHAW PLAYER ASSISTANCE FUND

Professional Athletes Foundation & EarQ Scholarship Program

Spring 2018



Criteria for Professional Athletes Foundation Student Scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is designed for student athletes with hearing loss who are enrolled or intend to enroll in a university, college, or two-year institution (that does not provide athletic scholarships.) The scholarship rewards student athletes for their non-athletic achievements and assists them in reaching their career goals.

Eligibility

1. Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better
2. High school junior – college sophomore status
3. Accepted at or enrolled in a 2 or 4-year college or university (high school juniors exempt)
4. Nominated by a coach or other faculty member
5. Participated at the varsity level in athletics for at least one year
6. Has not accepted any scholarship funds or grants to participate in college athletics

Criteria for Evaluation

1. Career goals
2. Nomination by coach
3. Academic achievement
4. Potential for success
5. Leadership and character
6. Indication of how athletic competition has aided in personal growth

Nomination Materials

The following materials should be provided to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Coach's nomination letter
2. Application form completed by student and signed by coach and principal
3. 500 word essay provided by student
4. Academic transcript

Instructions

1. The application must be filled out by the student applicant. Please print or type
2. All requirements must be met and all information complete for an application to be considered
3. The application form and essay should be given to the coach/nominator who is responsible for seeing that all application materials are forwarded to the superintendent's office

Scholarship Submission Information

The administrator of the Scholarship Committee for the PAF Student Scholarship:

Zak Keller
866-432-7500

Mail hard copy of application to:

EarQ
c/o Zak Keller
701 Erie Blvd. West
Syracuse, NY 13204

Email copy of application to: scholarships@earq.com

The scholarship deadline:
June 1, 2018

***Note:** A student who accepts this scholarship and plans to participate in athletics at the college level as a non-scholarship or “walk-on” athlete should carefully examine how the scholarship might impact the college or university. Any high school athlete who receives any form of financial aid or scholarship funds, including this scholarship, and who intends to participate in athletics at a school governed by the NCAA falls under NCAA guidelines and should consult with appropriate college counselors about how this scholarship might affect athletic eligibility.*

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Name _____

Last four digits of SSN# _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Parents' names _____

Academic Information

GPA _____

Class Rank _____

Percentile Rank _____

SAT Scores Verbal _____

Math _____

ACT Scores Verbal _____

Math _____

Athletics

High School / College Athletic Involvement:

School Activities

List other school activities in which you have been involved:

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College Plans

College(s) that you have been accepted at or applied to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Expected College Major:

History with Hearing Loss:

When were you diagnosed with hearing loss by a licensed hearing healthcare professional?

What type of hearing technology (hearing aids, cochlear implants, etc.) do you currently utilize?

Name of your current hearing healthcare professional _____

Practice Name _____ Phone # _____

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Essay:

In no more than 500 words, indicate why participation in athletics has been important to you and how this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals.

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Signatures

I acknowledge that the information provided on this application is accurate.

Student Nominee _____

Date _____

To the best of my knowledge, the attached academic information is accurate.

Counselor or Academic Advisor _____

Date _____

Coach's Nomination Form

The Professional Athletes Foundation extends a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity to a student athlete who has overcome hearing loss by utilizing hearing technology.

The Professional Athletes Foundation believes that student athletes should be recognized for their academic achievement and should be encouraged to pursue career goals beyond athletics.

Student athletes who will not obtain an athletic scholarship to compete in athletics at the collegiate level are eligible. High school student athletes who will participate in athletics at a college or university that does not give athletic scholarships are also eligible.

The Scholarship Committee encourages you to nominate a student athlete with hearing loss who has shown academic achievement, leadership skills, and strong promise for career goals.

Please provide the following information:

Nominated Student _____

Please fill out a a 250-300 word letter of nomination on the next page, indicating how this student meets the criteria for the scholarship.

Name _____

Sport Coached _____

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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Coach Essay: