

# Chippewa Valley Raptors Legacy Scholarship



The Chippewa Valley Raptors are proud to announce the **Chippewa Valley Raptors Legacy Scholarship**; a financial award established by the Chippewa Valley Raptors travel softball organization to honor and support athletes who have accepted an offer to continue their softball careers at the collegiate level. This scholarship reflects the organization's deep commitment to player development, academic achievement, and the enduring impact of being a Raptor.

## Purpose:

The Legacy Scholarship celebrates the lasting impact of our players, those who have upheld the Chippewa Valley Raptors core values of teamwork, perseverance, and leadership both on and off the field. Being a Raptor means more than just playing softball; it means becoming part of a community that fosters growth, pride, and lifelong friendships. The Legacy Scholarship is our way of giving back to the athletes who have left their mark on the program and are ready to represent Raptors legacy at the collegiate level.

## Key Application Dates:

All dates are for the current Raptors Season which runs September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>.

- **Application Opens:** January 1
- **Application Deadline:** April 1 (*Late or incomplete applications will not be considered*)
- **Recipient Notification:** No later than May 1
- **Scholarship Award Distribution:** No later than August 31

## Eligibility Criteria:

To be considered for the **Chippewa Valley Raptors Legacy Scholarship**, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

1. **Raptors Program Involvement**
  - Must be a current graduating high school senior **or** be in your final year of Junior Olympic (J.O.) softball eligibility based on USA Softball age classification rules.
  - Must be on an **active** Chippewa Valley Raptors roster as of August 31st of the scholarship year, which marks the end of the official Raptors season.
2. **Collegiate Softball Commitment**
  - Must have committed to playing collegiate softball at an **accredited two-year or four-year institution**. *Proof of commitment must be provided.*
3. **Minimum Participation Requirement**
  - Must have been on an active Chippewa Valley Raptors roster for at least one full season.
4. **Good Standing in the Organization**
  - Must be in good standing with the Chippewa Valley Raptors organization, including:
    - Fulfillment of team and organizational responsibilities (fees, attendance, behavior expectations).
    - Always follow and promote Chippewa Valley Raptors core values.
5. **Academic Performance**
  - Must be eligible for high school graduation or have graduated with satisfactory academic standing (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5).

## Scholarship Amounts:

Scholarship award amounts are determined based on the total number of qualified seasons the applicant has accrued. A **qualifying season** is defined as being on an active Raptors roster from September 1st through August 31st, which constitutes a full Raptors season.

**First-year players** who joined the program after tryouts may still qualify for a full season if they were:

- Added to an active roster mid-season, **and**
- Remained on that roster for **a minimum of 4 months**, and
- Were actively rostered **through the end of the respected season**

Based on the number of Qualified Season Scholarship award amounts are as follows:

- **1 to 4 qualified seasons:** Up to \$250
- **5 or more qualified seasons:** Up to \$500

Qualified Seasons **do not need to be consecutive**, but players are only considered “First-year” once. If a player leaves the Raptors and comes back in another year, they must be on an active roster for the full season to be a qualified season. All participation will be verified through internal Chippewa Valley Raptors roster records.

## Availability of Funds:

Scholarship payouts are subject to the availability of funds each year. The Chippewa Valley Raptors are committed to supporting their athletes, and funding will be evaluated annually based on the organization’s financial position. Finalized award amounts will be determined by December 21<sup>st</sup> of the current fiscal year.

## Application Process:

Follow the steps below to apply for this great financial award. The application form can be downloaded at [www.chippewavalleyraptors.com](http://www.chippewavalleyraptors.com)

1. **Confirm Eligibility**
  - Applicants must review and meet all scholarship eligibility criteria.
2. **Gather Required Documentation**
  - Proof of college softball commitment (e.g., signed Letter of Intent, official email from coach, or enrollment verification).
  - Proof of satisfactory academic standing (e.g., recent report card, letter from school, transcript, diploma).
3. **Complete the Application Form**
  - Fill out all sections of the Chippewa Valley Raptors Legacy Scholarship Application Form, ensuring accuracy and completeness.
  - Complete the essay questions included on the application form based on your experience being a Raptor.
4. **Submit Your Application**
  - Submit via email to [info@chippewavalleyraptors.com](mailto:info@chippewavalleyraptors.com) by the Application deadline.