



Purpose

The Bedford Basketball League offers a scholarship for up to 3 high school seniors each year planning to pursue post-secondary education in college or vocational programs and who demonstrate strong character traits consistent with the mission of the Bedford Basketball League (BBL). Scholarships are offered for full time study and any accredited post-secondary institution of the student's choice. Children of current BBL Board Members are ineligible to apply.

The scholarship amount may vary each year at the discretion of the selection committee and the Board of the BBL. If no applicant is selected or no applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the scholarship will not be granted for that year. The BBL assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected or unintelligible entries. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, religion, gender, disability, national origin or financial need.

The scholarship will be awarded to candidates that demonstrate character traits consistent with the mission of the BBL. The BBL mission statement is: "*The Bedford Basketball League encourages a fun, safe learning environment for players of all abilities and promotes development of their athletic skills, character, sportsmanship and teamwork through participation in both recreational and competitive basketball with the goal of enhancing life skills both on and off the court.*"

Eligibility

- Application must be received by BBL no later than Friday, May 9, 2025.
- Applicant must be a resident of Bedford, New Hampshire.
- Applicant must be a senior in High School (public or private).
- Applicant must have participated in the BBL for at least 2 years.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- Applicant may be asked to participate in an interview with the selection committee.
- Scholarships are awarded directly to the post-secondary institution upon proof of enrollment.
- Bedford High School applicants can find this offering on the Going Merry Website.
- Students from other high schools: please see below to submit your application.

Attachments:

- The completed application form
- A copy of the applicants most recent high school report card and GPA
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from someone who is close to your BBL experience) and is NOT a current board member of the BBL.
- An essay that portrays how the applicant's BBL experience might have had an influence on building personal qualities and values such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship, often referred to as the six pillars of character.

**Bedford Basketball League
Scholarship Application
2024-2025**

Name: _____ DOB ___/___/___

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone () ___ - _____

Please indicate # of years of participation in the Bedford Basketball League

Player: _____ yrs Referee: _____ yrs Coach: _____ yrs.
Captain: _____ yrs Coordinator _____ yrs Clock/Book _____ yrs

Other activities/Community Service/Employment: _____

Indicate the college or University you hope to attend: _____

Intended major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Awards/Achievements: _____

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- Please attach your most recent high school report card and overall GPA
 - Two letters of recommendation (at least one from someone who is close to your BBL experience) and is NOT a current board member of the BBL.
 - Please attach an essay consistent with the BBL's mission statement, not to exceed 750 words, detailing your experience with the Bedford Basketball League; what you have learned, how lessons learned have helped you grow into the person you have become, and how you might apply these lessons in the future. Specific examples showcasing how you have demonstrated one or more of the qualities of character using an experience that you have had, an event you have participated in or an action that you have taken during your BBL experience would be appreciated.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date ___/___/___

PLEASE Email all application materials and attachments by May 9, 2025 to Bedford Basketball League President:

**Erin O'Neil president@bedfordbl.com
Attn: BBL Scholarship Committee**

OR

submit your complete application (minus the above form) on the Going Merry website through Bedford High School