



OBBA Scholarship Guidelines

- OBBA scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis starting upon the opening of registration and are awarded based upon the scholarship funds available for that season. Therefore, **early application is strongly recommended**.
- All scholarship applications are due by the close of early registration. Scholarship applications received after this date may only be considered under extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Board.
- Scholarship awards are limited to two children per family except in extenuating circumstances.
- Scholarship awards include the cost of registration, tryouts, and a tryout jersey, but do not include uniforms, shooting shirts, socks, or other apparel or gear. Uniforms will be provided to scholarship recipients for use during the basketball season, but must be returned at the end of the season (i.e., after the last OBBA game). Uniforms may be kept by the player if the player intends to register for the next year (uniforms are generally changed every two years). Failure to return the uniform could result in ineligibility for future scholarships. Scholarship recipients will have the option of buying a uniform that can be kept at the end of the season.
- Scholarships are based on financial need. It is the obligation of the application to demonstrate need. Receipt of public benefits by the applicant athlete demonstrates need. Public benefits include enrollment in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and receipt of educational benefits (such as free or reduced lunches, community education costs, etc.), food support (SNAP, WIC, etc.), Medical Assistance (MA), Social Security benefits, and other public assistance programs. Families who do not qualify for public assistance, but who demonstrate financial need due to individual circumstances (such as sudden job loss, illness, loss of a parent, etc.), will be considered. It is the applicant's burden to establish need. Therefore, careful completion of the application is recommended.

- Scholarship applications will be considered by the Board based upon the information submitted by the applicant and will remain strictly confidential.
- The Board reserves the right to award scholarships, including the amount thereof, based upon the facts presented by the application and the scholarship funds available at the time. Scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the Board and applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Scholarship funds are limited and made possible through generous donations from individuals and local businesses. The amount of scholarship funds available will vary year-to-year, depending on donations received. Receipt of a scholarship in prior years does not ensure an award of a scholarship in following years.
- Pursuant to the OBBA policy handbook, all parents of children in the OBBA travel programs are required to provide four volunteer hours for each child they have in the OBBA program during our Orono-hosted tournament occurring in January of each year. Receipt of a scholarship does not relieve a family of this important obligation. **Failure to complete the required number of volunteer hours may result in loss of eligibility for future OBBA scholarships for the applicant or other members of the applicant's family.**
- Players who receive scholarships are expected to maintain regular attendance at practices, games, and tournaments. Failure to attend practices, games, or tournaments could result in ineligibility for scholarships in future years for the athlete or the athlete's family members. Regular attendance is a factor considered in scholarship determinations.
- Failure of the applicant or applicant's family to comply with the OBBA Code of Conduct may be a basis to deny a scholarship application.
- Questions regarding the scholarship application process can be directed to Ann O'Reilly, OBBA Scholarship and Sponsorship Chair, at ann.oreilly777@gmail.com.