



Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Softball Grant

What is the HGSA Grant Program?

The Helena Girls' Softball Association (HGSA) established the Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Grant Fund for the benefit of High School Senior girls who have participated in HGSA for a minimum of two seasons.

Who is eligible for the grant award?

All High School Senior girls who have participated in the HGSA program for at least two (2) seasons. Participation in Rookies, Minors, Majors, or Seniors is considered for eligibility. Primarily, the Grant Committee is interested in those girls who made HGSA a part of their lives season after season.

How do girls apply?

Grant information and application packages are available on the HGSA website at <https://www.leaguelineup.com/topnews.asp?url=helenagsa&itemid=109104>. All grant applications are to be completed and sent to "Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Grant" in care of the HGSA by February 15th.

How many grants are given each year?

One grant will be awarded each year based on the entries submitted. Currently, this will be a \$1,000.00 award.

How can the League Board Help?

The HGSA Board can facilitate the awarding of the grant to a deserving senior by maintaining a list of the High School Senior HGSA Players in the League. The President, Vice President, or the Division Representative should make certain that their High School Seniors receive a Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Grant Application and then assist them with their efforts to apply.

How are High School Senior recipients chosen?

Applications are reviewed and the preliminary criterion is verified. A total of 100 points may be awarded as determined by the panel of three or more Grant Committee Members.

Section 1 – HGSA Participation – one point for each year of participation in HGSA (maximum 10 points)

Section 2 – Academic Achievement and Extracurricular activities – maximum 20 points

Section 3 – Two Letters of Recommendation – maximum 10 points (two letters shown below)

- one HGSA recommendation or one community leader's recommendation (5 points)
- one school recommendation (5 points)

Section 4 – Essay – maximum 60 points





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What is expected in the future for the Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Grant Fund?

In future years determined by the annual participation, the HGSA Softball Grant Fund will continue to grow. Girls who are active in the program today and who invest each

season will certainly benefit from a larger grant fund in the near future. Each Division Representative will make a concerted effort to keep their Division informed of the Grant Program and its benefit to the girls and their families, thereby increasing participation and the awards presented to the girls of HGSA for their future.

Criteria established for HGSA High School Seniors:

1. Applicants must currently be a senior in High School.
2. Applicants must have participated in a HGSA Softball Association for a least two (2) seasons.
3. Applicants must submit an Official High School Transcript. (There is no minimum G.P.A. required but applicants will receive points based on their current cumulative GPA at the end of their seventh semester in school.)
4. Applicants must submit one (1) signed letter of recommendation from HGSA Program Adult Volunteer or another community leader. This could include such persons as employers, leaders in their church, a Girl Scout leader, or any of many other known youth organizations to which the applicant has belonged.
5. Applicants must submit one (1) signed letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other administrator at their school. The letter should outline the senior's leadership qualities and why they deserve the HGSA scholarship.
6. Applicants must have participated in some form of extracurricular activity during their High School years and will include a verified list of these activities including the number of years of participation. Employment, school approved extracurricular activities, and participation in community organizations is acceptable. Please include any honors or awards received during the participation of these activities. A school official must sign to verify the participation in extracurricular activities.

How Grant Recipients will be determined:

1. All grant applications will be sent by the applicant to the HGSA. The Grant Committee will screen all applications to verify that all the established criteria have been met.
2. Following the initial screening of criteria, all verified applications will be scored by the HGSA Grant Selection Committee according to the written guidelines.





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The Helena Girls Softball Association is offering a *Bonnie Sue Heller Memorial High School Senior Softball Grant* to any high school senior girl who has participated (played/coached) in the HGSA league for at least two (2) seasons.

This \$1,000 (nonrenewable) grant is awarded to support tuition at a 2- or 4- Year College or University during the 2021 fall academic semester. Priority is given to those girls who made HGSA a part of their lives season after season. You must be accepted into 2- or 4- year College or University before the grant will be awarded. The grant will be sent directly to the college or university financial aid office in your name. If you do not attend or drop out of the semester, you will be expected to return the grant to the HGSA. The application for this grant is due by February 15, **2021**. Applications are available on-line at:

<https://www.leaguelineup.com/topnews.asp?url=helenagsa&itemid=109104> or in the high school counselor's office. *This grant will be awarded by March 1st and will be presented at the League Tournament held in June.*





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NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

PHONE:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

NAME OF PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Section One – HGSA Participation

Did you participate in the Helena Girls Softball Association (e.g., player, coach, draft assistant, tournament volunteer)?

YES

NO

If yes, what years and how were you involved? Please list each year of participation with HGSA (player/coach/volunteer).

Are you planning to play Collegiate Softball in college? YES NO

Section Two – Academic Achievement and Extracurricular Activities

High School:

Graduation Year:

GPA (include transcript):

List all extracurricular activities and any academic awards you have received while in high school:

Please attach a list of all academic achievements and extracurricular activities, including employment, in which you have taken part during your high school years. This listing should indicate the name of the organization, or group, the year in which you participated, and a brief summary of the purpose of that organization. A signature of a school official attesting to your participation is required. Include with this listing any or





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all awards, honors, or certificates of recognition you have received during your participation. If the activities are not verified, they will not be considered.

Section Three – Signed Letters of Recommendations

- One (1) from your local HGSA adult volunteer or from an employer, community leader (such as a leader in your church, Girl Scout or Camp Fire Girls leader), or any of many youth organizations which you now belong or have participated in previously.
- One (1) from a teacher, counselor, or other administrator of your school.

Section Four – Essay

To give us an idea of how well you express yourself and what your thoughts are regarding your involvement with the HGSA Softball Program. Each applicant shall write an essay on the topic “The Value of Participation in HGSA Softball.” The essay should be written by the applicant, with no outside help or influence. Please type, and limit to no more than two pages double spaced, Times New Roman 11 pt. font.

*Attach your essay on “The Value of Participation in HGSA” to your application form.

DEADLINE: February 15, 2021

**RETURN THE GRANT APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE TO:
HELENA GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 5021
HELENA MT 59601**

