

## **Montgomery Baseball & Softball League** **College Scholarship Program**

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Your Montgomery Baseball & Softball League (MBSL) is proud to announce the 12<sup>th</sup> annual **Montgomery Baseball & Softball League College Scholarship Program!** This program will provide scholarship awards to financially assist qualified and deserving baseball and/or softball players attending institutions of higher learning. Each award will be designated for one school year. It is our intent to award up to three (3) individual scholarships with a combined value of \$1,500.

### **2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### **Scholarship Applicants must meet all the following criteria:**

1. Applicants must have participated in the MBSL baseball or softball program for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Applicants must have been actively involved in community service with their high school baseball or softball program or other community-based activities.
3. Applicants must be of outstanding character and integrity, and exhibit leadership on their baseball or softball team or other organization, as well as in the community. Applicants must have a high school (or equivalent) cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher by the end of the most recent marking period and must provide the most recent authorized high school transcript as proof of GPA.
4. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment from the accepting higher learning institution, in addition to proof of any scholarships, grants, and/or financial aid awards.
5. Applicants must attest that they have not received additional scholarships, grants, or other financial aid awards totaling more than 75% of their attending institution's annual full-time tuition costs.
6. Applicants must complete an entry essay of no less than 250 words and no more than 500 words. ***Topic: What has your participation in baseball or softball taught you that will help you be successful in your future endeavors?*** The essay must be the original work of the applicant.
7. Applicants must submit at least two (2), non-family letters of reference from adults 21 years of age or older. (*Note: Letters of reference from current MBSL Board members will not be accepted.*)
8. Completed applications should be submitted to:  
**montgomerybaseballnj@gmail.com** and include the subject heading, **"MBSL Scholarship Application – [APPLICANT LAST NAME]."**
9. **Completed applications and all required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm EST on April 19, 2024.**

#### **Applications will be processed in the following manner:**

1. Each application received will be reviewed for eligibility by a Screening Committee comprised of a subset of current MBSL Board members as well as any invitees of the Board President.
2. Eligible scholarship applications will be presented to an Evaluation Committee for further review, selection of finalists, and final decisions regarding scholarship awards.
3. **Award decisions will be announced at the Montgomery High School Scholarship Night in June 2024.** Recipient names will also be posted on the MBSL website (www.montgomerybaseball.com). Scholarship decisions are final.
4. Scholarship winners agree to have their photograph taken and have their name and/or image posted on the MBSL website or social media and included in a press release.