

# Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Program



## **Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club Mission Statement**

The Oswego East High School Athletic Boosters' Club is a charitable, non-profit organization made up of an action-oriented group of parents, volunteers and administrators. Through dedication and teamwork we support the enhancement of the athletic experience of Oswego East High athletes, their teams, and their fans through the promotion of athletics, school spirit, successful student-athletes, and community awareness of their athletic & academic achievements. The mission of OEHS is to empower students to be strong, responsible leaders who value personal integrity, academic excellence, and civic involvement.

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The Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club will be providing athletic scholarships to at least two senior male and two senior female athletes each school year.

These scholarships are one-time grants, designated to assist student athletes pursuing further education. The scholarships are intended to recognize outstanding graduating athletes of Oswego East High School. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their athletic success, dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership, as well as academic achievement and character. To be considered for a scholarship, student athletes must meet the following criteria:

**Athletic Participation** – Applicant must be a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student in good standing at Oswego East High School who has participated on at least one varsity athletic team during the student's last two years of attending OEHS.

**Booster Club Membership** – The student's parent/guardian must be a current member of the Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club. Parental membership as of March 15<sup>th</sup> of the academic application year is a prerequisite to the student receiving a scholarship.

**Academic Achievement** – The student athlete must have a minimum cumulative un-weighted high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**Post-Secondary Education** – The applicant must be accepted by a post-secondary institution. Post-secondary institutions include, but are not limited to, colleges, universities, and technical and vocational schools.

**Letters of Recommendation** – Applicants must have two recommendations. One recommendation from a coach of their choice and one from a teacher, counselor, or administrator at OEHS. Those completing the letters of recommendations must place the letters in a sealed envelope and sign the envelope prior to giving the letters to the applicant.

**Application Form** – Students must complete and submit, by the posted deadline, the application with all prescribed forms and the two sealed recommendation letters.

**Essay** – All applicants will write a 2-page essay reflecting on the following topic:

**How have athletics contributed to your growth as a person? What has participating in high school athletics taught you that is applicable to your future?** All essays must be typed with applicants name appearing on the first page. The essays will be judged on content, grammar, and organizational style. Applicants will not be considered for selection without the written essay.

☐☐ **Selection Criteria** – Scholarships are given on the basis of merit. Financial need is not a factor or consideration in applying for this scholarship. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their athletic success, dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership, as well as academic achievement and character. A personal interview may be required as part of the selection process. The student’s participation intent in sports at the post-secondary institution will not be a factor in the selection process.

☐☐ **Selection Committee** – The selection committee will be representatives of the community and school. No identifying information will be given to the selection committee. Parents of the applicant(s) may not serve on the selection committee.

☐☐ **Submission** – The completed application form, two sealed recommendations, along with typed essay must be mailed or dropped off at: Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Committee, **Career Center**, Oswego East High School, 1525 Harvey Rd. Oswego, IL 60543 **no later than April 15th.**

Please contact John J. Knauss, the Scholarship Chairperson, at [jknauss@edirex.com](mailto:jknauss@edirex.com) for more information.

**Good luck to all our applicants!**

# Oswego East High School Scholarship Application

## A. Personal Information

This data is required for administrative purposes only. All information is confidential. Please provide a home e-mail address and, if possible, an email address through which we can contact you after graduation. E-mail is not required to apply.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address after June 2015: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Information Release

I authorize the release of my weighted and un-weighted GPAs to the Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Committee for the scholarship application process. I also authorize release of my transcript if the scholarship selection committee has a specific need, which the transcript will clarify.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. SPORTS PARTICIPATION:**

Describe your participation in school athletics at OEHS and any special recognition or awards you received during that participation:

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**C. NON-SPORT SCHOOL PARTICIPATION:**

Describe your participation in any OEHS activities other than athletics:

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**D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:**

Describe your participation in any community activities:

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**E. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

Describe any other qualifications to support your application:

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*Provide as much detail as necessary to describe your academic, athletic, social, and community involvement. You may attach additional pages to support sections B, C, D, & E.*

**F. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:**

Name of college/university you wish to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted an application and/or been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of Understanding

- I certify that information contained in this application is correct.
- I understand that falsifying information will cause this application to be ineligible for selection.
- Scholarship awardees will be notified prior to Senior Awards Night in May.
- I also understand that all scholarship money will be disbursed to the institution's registrar after enrollment in a post-secondary institution has been established.
- I further understand that if I withdraw from school, I forfeit my scholarship committee funds.
- My parent or legal guardian and I have read this application and agree that all information is correct.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Both signatures are required)

**Any questions regarding the application process may be directed to:**

Scholarship Chairperson: John J. Knauss via email at [jknauss@edirex](mailto:jknauss@edirex).

# Oswego East High School Guidance Counselor

The Guidance Counselor will complete this section after you have submitted your application to the committee.

Please complete this form for use by the Oswego East High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship committee. Thank you for your assistance.

1. Weighted GPA = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Un-weighted GPA = \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor, based on your knowledge of the student athlete, please provide a brief description of why you think this student should be a recipient of this award.

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**Certified by Guidance Counselor (signature):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Application Checklist:**

Applicants may use this checklist to guide them through the application process.

**Complete your Application Packet to include the following requirements:**

- 1) Fill out the Application with Personal Information.**
- 2) Sign the Academic Information Release**
- 3) Sign the Statement of Understanding with Applicant and Parent's Signatures**
- 4) Include the two sealed Letters of Recommendations**
- 5) Include Essay**

**Mark your calendar to turn in all completed information no later than April 15th.**

**Bring completed material to the Career Center.**

**Thank you and good luck to all our applicants!**