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## Policies and Procedures

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### **OGA Financial Assistance and Scholarships Policy**

The Oregon Gymnastics Academy's mission is to promote and motivate character, fitness, and health in the lives of our athletes, employees, and community through the sport of gymnastics. OGA, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to our members and children with special needs, including tuition assistance, character and athletic performance recognition.

At OGA, we recognize the unique fitness characteristics and benefits that the sport of gymnastics provides to children of all ages and abilities. In addition, we recognize the unique opportunity we have to serve our children is built upon the efforts of generations before us and continued support from the community. This is our opportunity to return some of that success.

#### **We recognize three needs:**

##### **Community Support**

- Objective: To support OGA's 501(c)3 community commitment, specifically, by providing support to children with special needs

##### **Member Support**

- Objective: Attainment of OGA and team goals is best achieved by stability in our classes and teams. These scholarships are to bridge temporary disruptions in a member's financial situation due to job loss, medical emergencies, etc.

##### **Outstanding Performance Support**

- Objective: To support OGA's tradition of artistic gymnastics excellence and character at the highest levels.

#### **We address these needs as follows:**

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Award Timing</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Sec</b>
<b>Community Support</b>	Federal poverty criteria + development plan	As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Needs</li></ul>	
<b>Member Support</b>	Temporary income needs	As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grants</li></ul>	
<b>Outstanding Performance</b>	Level 9/10 Athletic performance, character, program needs	Annual in September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elite Support</li><li>• Character Counts*</li></ul>	

\*Character Counts is a program that recognizes our member's service to the community in October of each year, with one member being awarded a tuition grant.

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### **Competitive Scholarship Policy**

It is the intent of Oregon Gymnastics Academy to offer a Competitive Scholarship to OGA athletes who are competing for, and have a desire to continue to compete for, the Oregon Gymnastics Academy.

#### **The scholarship award may include:**

- An amount credited to your account monthly throughout the year
- An allotment to the athlete for equipment and uniform needs (grips, hoops, skirt, leotard, etc.)
- Regional/national meet fees

The amount of the award will be determined and approved by the Program/Operation Directors and the OGA scholarship committee, appointed by the OGA Board of Directors, based on the documents submitted in the application and an athlete interview.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Athlete must be an OGA team member for a period of at least one year prior to applying for a Competitive Scholarship.
- Athlete must compete at a high level in their discipline.
  - Boys' Program: Level 9/10
  - Girls' Program: Level 9/10
  - Rhythmic Program: Level 8/9/10
  - Cheer Program: Level Elite
- Athlete must demonstrate good character and strong work ethic.
- Athlete must demonstrate consistency in attending scheduled workouts.
- Coaches' recommendation is required.
- Athlete must have a cumulative 3.50, non-weighted, grade point average, or equivalent.

## **Requirements:**

1. Turn in a completed application form. If any question is not applicable to you, please write "N/A" in that space.
2. Provide letters of recommendation from:
  - Your coach
  - A teacher or mentor
  - A community leader
3. All letters of recommendation should include your relationship with the person writing the letter, and should address your work ethic, leadership, personality and character. In addition, the letters should specifically speak to why you are a deserving candidate for this scholarship.
4. Write an essay about yourself, your goals, the role of gymnastics has played in your life and why you are a candidate that should be awarded this scholarship.
5. Submit **all** requested information in an envelope to the OGA Office Manager.
6. Scholarship packet should be collated and stapled in the following order:
  - Scholarship application form(s) completed and signed.
  - Your three letters of recommendation
  - Your essay
  - School transcript or report card

## **Important dates:**

- June 15 – Application packets available at the front desk
- July 15 – Applications, letters of recommendation, and essay are due
- July 20 through 25 - Interviews with athletes will be conducted
- August 15 – Recipient of a scholarship will be notified
- September 1 through August 31 (length of award period)

## **Review Process:**

- Completed application packet is returned to the front desk Office Manager.
- Program Director will evaluate all scholarship packets and select eligible candidates.
- Candidate's applications will be forwarded to the scholarship committee for review.
- Applicants will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.
- Committee will make determination of awards.
- Applicants will be notified of decisions by letter no later than August 15th.
- If an athlete leaves OGA while on scholarship, any unused funds will be returned to the competitive scholarship fund.



**APPLICATION FORM – Competitive Scholarship**

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

Athletes Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Guardian Applying:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Started at OGA: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Level \_\_\_\_\_

USAG# \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline: Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Rhythmic \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Coach \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (non-weighted): \_\_\_\_\_