

FIRELANDS FALCONS B.S.T INC. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



OVERVIEW

Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. provides scholarships for registration fees to children, who without financial assistance would be unable to participate in the Firelands Hot Stove Baseball/Softball program. In certain cases the scholarship may also provide assistance for basic equipment required to participate in the program. Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with limited funding available for scholarships. No guarantee of assistance is implied by this application. If the number of scholarship applications submitted and approved exceeds the dollar amount available, the scholarships will be awarded by a lottery system. **Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in its programs and activities.**

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athletes must be of eligible age to participate in the Firelands Hot Stove Program.
- Athletes must attend Firelands Elementary School, South Amherst Middle School or Firelands High School.
- Parents/Guardians must commit that the athlete will attend a minimum of **90% of all scheduled practices and games.**
- The maximum amount awarded per recipient family is \$599.00 per calendar year (*this is not a guaranteed received amount*). Per IRS guidelines, Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. is required to issue a 1099 to any individual or family that has received \$600.00 or more in funds or compensation in a calendar year.
- All Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. board member's child(ren) are excluded from scholarship eligibility.

QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide all information required to help Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. determine qualifications. Scholarship consideration will be given to families that meet the following criteria (***All documents turned in minus the application and terms & conditions will be returned to the applicant after the consideration process:***):

- Provide a copy of the athlete's current report card from Firelands Elementary School, South Amherst Middle School or Firelands High School.
- Provide a copy of your IRS form 1040 from recent tax year (*all information will remain confidential*).
- Receive assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. and can provide written documentation of participation in these programs (*all information will remain confidential*).
- Provide a written statement of immediate financial hardship explaining the current situation. **Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. recognizes that a family may not be receiving formal assistance from the programs mentioned above, yet financial assistance may still be needed to participate in the Hot Stove Program. In these instances, the Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. board will consider the financial hardship statement to determine scholarship eligibility.** Please provide any supporting documentation that may support the facts in your financial hardship statement.
- Complete the application process and read and sign the Terms and Conditions statement.

***Incomplete applications will automatically be denied.**

***Scholarship requests must be submitted no later than February 28th.**

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PROCEDURE

Scholarship requests must be submitted to Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. no later than February 28th in order to be considered.

A parent, guardian or head of household must complete the application, with all requested information provided. All items on the Scholarship Terms and Conditions must be initialed and the form must be signed and dated.

Incomplete or late applications will be denied. If an application is incomplete you will not be contacted requesting additional information.

As indicated above, all of the following must be included to be considered for scholarship:

- Athlete's current report card
- Income documentation (i.e. previous year tax returns, current paystubs)
- State or Federal assistance documentation
- Letter of hardship

The Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. board will consider all scholarship applications completed with all necessary documentation and received by the deadline.

The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be partial or full scholarship depending on the number of applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available.

The parent, guardian will be notified in writing either case of a scholarship being awarded or not.

Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. A registration form and requested documents for registration must still be completed for the Firelands Falcons Hot Stove program for which the scholarship was rewarded.

Scholarship requests must be applied for annually.

***All applications and supporting documents can be turned in to Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. President Kelly Fortner or mailed to:**

**Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc.
Attn: Kelly Fortner
48120 Rice Road
Amherst, OH 44001**

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Terms and Conditions

Please initial next to every line

_____ 1. By signing this form I certify that the information contained in this scholarship packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ 2. By signing this form I agree to be bound by the responsibilities and expectations set forth in this application if I receive a scholarship.

_____ 3. I understand that members of the Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc. Board consider each scholarship application on a case-by-case basis.

_____ 4. I understand that no guarantee of assistance is implied by this application and scholarships are awarded if funds are available.

_____ 5. I understand that unless I am awarded basic equipment as part of my scholarship, I am responsible for any equipment and uniforms required for my child's participation.

_____ 6. I understand that scholarship money will not be paid to the individual recipient, nor will any money be refunded to the individual recipient.

_____ 7. I understand that any information provided during the scholarship application is deemed inaccurate, Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc. may immediately terminate my child's privilege to benefit from the scholarship program, and in the case any information was intentionally false, I will repay to Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc. the full value of any scholarship awarded.

_____ 8. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my child(-ren) attend 90% of all scheduled practices and games.

_____ 9. This application is considered private and will not be shared with anyone other than the Firelands Falcons B.S.T Inc. board.

I _____ hereby voluntarily authorize the release of our tax return to Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. and I understand that the tax return will be reviewed by the members of the Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Board in its consideration process.

Printed Name of Adult Applicant

Signature of Adult Applicant

Name of Scholarship Athlete

Date

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ATHLETE INFORMATION		
Athlete's Name:	Age:	Birth Date:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
School Athlete Attends:		Grade:
Athlete lives with: () Both Parents () Mother () Father () Other		

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Father/Guardian Name:	
Cell Phone #:	Email:
Occupation:	Employer Name:
Employer Address:	
Mother/Guardian Name:	
Cell Phone #:	Email:
Occupation:	Employer Name:
Employer Address:	
Total Household Annual Income: \$	
Father/Guardian Monthly Income (including alimony/child support): \$	
Mother/Guardian Monthly Income (including alimony/child support): \$	
Number of dependent children in your household during the last tax year:	
Number of people in your household total:	
Do you currently receive state or federal financial assistance? () Yes () No	
If yes, what type?	
If you receive state or federal financial assistance, is this your sole source of income? () Yes () No	

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION		
Amount of scholarship requested:	Full \$	Partial \$
Sport for scholarship request: () Baseball () Softball		
Do you also request additional assistance to purchase basic equipment needed for this sports season? () Yes () N		

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION		
Has this athlete ever received a scholarship from Firelands Falcons B.S.T. Inc. before? () Yes () No		
If yes:	Year(s):	Amount: \$
Please indicate supporting documentation being provided:		
() Athlete's current report card		
() Proof of Income		
() Proof of receipt of State or Federal financial assistance		
() Written Personal Statement of Immediate Financial Hardship		
() Other (explain in detail):		

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