

MO/USA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP

OBJECTIVES:

1. Each year five senior wrestlers and 1 senior woman will be awarded a scholarship based on achievement in wrestling, academics, school activities, citizenship and need.
2. Scholarship certificate to be awarded only to a graduating senior with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
3. Scholarships to be a one-year award in an amount of \$1000. Each MO/USA region will have one scholarship, with one at-large scholarship from any region, and one woman's scholarship (\$6,000 total). If a region does not have a representative for that year the other regions will have opportunity to have more than one.
4. Scholarship to be used for college in which wrestler is currently enrolled and participating in the college wrestling program. The scholarship must be used within the academic calendar year after May/June graduation, unless an unusual hardship exists that is approved by the scholarship committee.
5. The scholarship will be paid after the first full semester of the freshman year.
6. A tab on the missouriusawrestling.org website will be dedicated in recognition of the scholarship recipients.
7. Scholarship will be announced after the annual BOD meeting in August and notification will be announced on the website, as well as to the club of the wrestler(s).

SELECTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

1. Scholarship Committee will be composed of:
 - a. State Chair (non-voting) to Chair the committee and oversee confidentiality
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. National Teams Director
 - d. Coaches Coordinator
 - e. Region Supervisors
2. Committee will select the candidates to be considered for the award from the wrestling seniors who apply.
3. Applicants will include a letter of recommendation from two (2) teachers -- other than wrestling coaches.
4. Candidates will be all senior wrestlers who meet the criteria set forth in the rules and enrolled in college wrestling program.
5. Candidates will be active members of MO/USA Wrestling.

6. There will normally be six scholarship awards each year. If, however, unusual circumstances exist, the committee may elect to allocate the award money as necessary to accomplish the intent of the scholarship award.
7. The Scholarship committee will consider information on each candidate from the completed application, written paragraph, and teacher recommendations.
8. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:
 - a. Wrestling Achievement and Sportsmanship
 - b. Academic Achievement
 - c. School Activities and Citizenship
 - d. Financial Need
9. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDE:**
 - a. **WRESTLING (score 1 – 10)**
 - i. Years of wrestling participation
 - ii. Years of varsity participation
 - iii. Awards received
 - iv. Value to team attitude
 - v. Leadership
 - vi. Coach's evaluation
 - b. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CITIZENSHIP (score 1 – 10)**
 - i. Other school activities
 - ii. Other sports activities
 - iii. Citizenship activities
 - c. **FINANCIAL NEED (score 1 – 10)**
 - i. Family financial ability to contribute to education other scholarships received.
 - ii. General family circumstances (other students in college, medical hardships, single parent, military deployments, etc.)
10. The scholarship committee will review all information and grade each nominee independently on a 1-10 basis in each evaluation category.
11. The applicant receiving the highest total score (total from all committee members) will be the recipient of the at-large scholarship award. Each region will have one award winner from the remaining submissions, based on the highest total score within their region. In the event a region has not submissions, the highest score remaining out of the pool will receive the award.
12. The committee may make a final review of the results to make sure the choice is consistent with the intent of the scholarship award.
13. Scholarship will be paid from MO/USA treasurer to recipient with proof of enrollment and/or paid fees receipt after their first semester.