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Scholarship Guidelines

1. Introduction/Program Aims

The OAS Scholarship Program is designed to financially assist qualified applicants. From beginner to elite, OAS Scholarships aim to support aspiring adaptive athletes to achieve their athletic and recreation goals.

Scholarships are awarded based on merit as measured by financial need, extraneous circumstances, and—for seasonal scholarships—a willingness to give back to OAS through volunteer opportunities.

All scholarship recipients are asked to pay a minimum financial contribution for all lessons. The exception to this rule is a first-time participant who wants to “try it out” and needs financial assistance to do so.

All scholarships are subject to available funds.

All scholarship awards must be used in the season in which they are awarded. OAS scholarship funds fluctuate from season to season, thus requiring applicants to re-apply for winter and summer if participating in both seasons. Scholarship awards have no cash value.

If scholarship recipient fully uses the awarded scholarship but would like to continue taking lessons, they must contact OAS to inquire about extension of the awards.

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or state of physical or cognitive disability.

2. Scholarship Types

First-Time Scholarship—one half or full day lesson for the first time participant.

Fixed Scholarship—a specific amount awarded for participation in a specific program, i.e. Camp OASIS.

Recurring Scholarship—an amount awarded per lesson/session. This may be limited to a specific number (i.e. 5 kayaking/skiing lessons) or may be awarded for a specific time (i.e. all of the summer 2016 season).

3. Eligibility

All scholarship types are available for individuals of all ages, both new and existing participants, who display an interest in recreation and need financial assistance to cover costs.

Proof of family income **may be requested** (i.e.: Paycheck Stub, Government Assistance Check, Income Tax Statements) by OAS to complete the scholarship application.

4. Application Process

Please complete and submit the following items. The application form can be downloaded from the OAS website (www.oregonadaptivesports.org):

- Participant Information Form
- Application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Income documentation, if requested

If the participant is a minor the application must be completed by a parent or guardian.

It is preferred that all materials are submitted electronically through online forms. Hard-copy forms can be requested by calling the OAS office at 541-306-4774 or emailing info@oregonadaptivesports.org.

Applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to lesson date.

All materials submitted for consideration for a scholarship automatically become the physical property of Oregon Adaptive Sports and will not be returned to the sender. Application materials and decisions will be kept confidential. Statistical information from scholarship awards may be used for fundraising and grant reporting purposes.

5. Candidate Evaluation and Selection

OAS's Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee is an impartial panel comprised of OAS staff and board members. The Committee will review completed applications and other submitted materials. All decisions of the Committee are final.

6. Notification

Scholarship applicants will be notified by phone or email outlining the scholarship amount and usage requirements.

If approved, scholarships typically cover between 25% and 75% of the lesson cost (with the exception of First-time scholarships, in which 100% of lesson cost is covered). It will be the applicant's responsibility to make up the additional payment in order to participate in the requested lesson(s).

7. More Information

Any questions in regards to these guidelines should be directed to the OAS Program Director, Pat Addabbo at pat@oregonadaptivesports.org.