



Rockwall High School Jacket Backer Athletic Booster Club

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| Title: | Student Scholarship Program | Revision Date: | March 16, 2015 |
| Scope: | Jacket Backer Association and Scholarship Fund Recipients | | |

1.0 POLICY

1.1 Rockwall Jacket Backer Student Scholarship Program

- 1.1.1 The Rockwall Jacket Backer Student Scholarship Program (The Scholarship Fund) is established to provide financial support to graduating student athletes who meet the eligibility requirements as defined in this policy. The award of all scholarships is not based on a person's race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital status, familial status, religion or other factors.
- 1.1.2 The Jacket Backer Association President will appoint a committee consisting of the Vice-President, Treasurer, Athletic Coordinator and Student Program Committee Chair for the purpose of administering The Scholarship Fund, reviewing candidates' eligibility requirements, processing all Scholarship Fund applications and making recommendations for Scholarship Fund awards. In the event that one of these board positions is a relative of a graduating student athlete, he or she will be removed from the committee during the application cycle in order to eliminate any conflict of interest. The President may appoint a replacement who is an active member in good standing with the association.
- 1.1.3 The Scholarship Fund will be awarded annually to at least one graduating male student athlete and one graduating female athlete as long as funds are available to make the awards. In all cases, the number of awards will be equal between eligible male and female student athletes.
- 1.1.4 Payment of The Scholarship Fund awards will only be made directly to a college or university on behalf of the graduating student athletes who are selected as the recipients of the award.

1.2 The Scholarship Fund Eligibility Requirements

- 1.2.1 The purpose of the The Scholarship Fund is to recognize senior students currently involved in Rockwall ISD-sponsored athletic teams or athletic training who exhibit excellent performance in the class room and dedication to community service. It is the desire of the Rockwall Jacket Backer Athletic Booster Club to offer every senior involved in Rockwall ISD-sponsored athletic activities the opportunity to apply for this award.
- 1.2.2 Membership in the organization is not a requirement of eligibility nor is it a requirement to be considered for or receive The Scholarship Fund awards.

1.2 The Scholarship Fund Eligibility Requirements (cont.)

1.2.3 Applications will be evaluated and points awarded in the following areas:

- Part I: Cumulative grade point average “through the 1st semester of the current school” year. Minimum GPA is an 85. Counselor’s verification is required.
- Part II: Total number of high school Pre-AP, AP, and Honors classes taken during high school career through the first semester of the current school year. Counselor’s verification is required.
- Part III: Total number of extra-curricular RHS activities participated in during the high school career, through the current school year (i.e. athletics, student council, drill team, cheerleading, band, Academic Decathlon, etc.). The student must be in good standing with the organization and have been a member for at least one full semester. All sponsors’ signatures are required.
- Part IV: Written Essay. The written essay portion is for informational purposes only and does not factor into the scoring.
- Scoring: To qualify for the award, students must score a minimum of 14 of the possible 20 points. (refer to the attached Application Scoring Sheet Form No. JB-004b and any revisions thereof.)

1.3 The Scholarship Fund Application

- 1.3.1 The Student Scholarship Program Application Form (Form No. JB-004a and revisions thereof) is the only form accepted for consideration of scholarship awards.
- 1.3.2 Applications are available from all Head Coaches, the Athletic Office and at the Jacket Backer web site at <http://www.jacketboosters.com>.
- 1.3.3 All applications must be submitted to the Athletic Office no later than the deadline date published on each year’s application form.
- 1.3.4 The application must include the following information in order to be considered for evaluation:
 - a. Date of application.
 - b. Student athletes name, address, phone, and email.
 - c. Coach or sponsor’s signature.
 - d. Complete Parts I, II, III and IV.
 - e. Signatures of Counselor, Parent of Legal Guardian and the Student.

1.4 The Scholarship Fund Award

- 1.4.1 The Jacket Backer Board of Directors will determine the number of scholarship awards and the amount of each award on an annual basis, depending on dedicated and available funds.

1.4 The Scholarship Fund Award (cont.)

- 1.4.2 The scholarship awards will be presented during the annual RHS Awards Ceremony.
- 1.4.3 Each scholarship award recipient will complete and submit a signed Scholarship Claim Form (Form No. JB-004c and any revisions thereof) to the Jacket Backer Association Treasurer within 60 days of the award.
- 1.4.4 The Association Treasurer will determine the best method for distributing the scholarship funds to the university or college identified by the award recipient.
- 1.4.5 The Rockwall Jacket Backer Student Scholarship Program (The Scholarship Fund) will adhere to all IRS rules and regulations as it relates to 501(c)(3) associations and any UIL guidelines governing student scholarship programs.
- 1.4.6 Student Athletes who apply for The Scholarship Fund may be required to disclose other scholarship awards.

2.0 Forms

Form No. JB-004a: Program Application Form

Form No. JB-004b: Application Scoring Sheet

Form No. JB-004c: Scholarship Claim Form