

CVBA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

The City of Vaughan Baseball/Softball Association (CVBA) is a not-for-profit sports association representing the interests of children throughout the City of Vaughan. The CVBA has created an award to recognize the academic excellence of post-secondary students as well as their community involvement and their strong communication skills.

The City of Vaughan Baseball/Softball Association will annually provide up to three (3) awards of \$1,500 each to post-secondary school students from families who are members of the City of Vaughan Baseball/Softball Association.

Candidates must make written application by Application Form, to the CVBA demonstrating their eligibility for the Scholarship and stating the reasons that they should be considered.

Eligibility

- Candidates must have been or currently are player or umpire members of the CVBA for a minimum of five years (minimum three years as a player);
- Candidates must be children or dependents of current CVBA members in good standing (within the last playing season);
- Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program planning to pursue studies at a post secondary institution or be a post secondary student continuing studies at post secondary institution;
- Candidates must have been granted conditional acceptance at a post secondary institution or be enrolled at a post secondary institution;
- Candidates must have interest in, and contribute to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations;
- Candidates must submit a 500 to 800 word essay on the topic of how baseball/softball has changed or affected their life or what has playing baseball/softball meant to them; and
- Candidates are to make their submission to the City of Vaughan Baseball/Softball Association by July 31, in the subject year.

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A. Purpose

The CVBA wishes to connect with prospective or current post secondary students. The CVBA is providing financial assistance to encourage secondary school students to pursue higher education or to undergraduate students to continue their education.

B. Eligibility

- This award is open to all students or dependants of current CVBA members in good standing (within the last playing season). The candidate must have been, or currently is, a playing or umpiring member of the CVBA for a minimum of five years (minimum three years as a player);
- The candidate must be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen as of the submission deadline date;
- The candidate must have been accepted into an undergraduate program at a post secondary institution as a full-time student or be a post secondary school student at a post secondary institution as a full-time student;
- The candidate must show interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extra curricular activities at their school and/or in civic organizations;
- The awards are non-renewable and non-transferable; and,
- Only one award, lifetime, per successful candidate allowed.

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C. Entry Requirements

- Application for the CVBA Scholarship must be made by means of the Application Form (see attachment);
- Each Application Form must be completed in full and signed by the Candidate and the Member Parent or Guardian;
- As part of the application, the CVBA requires the candidate to submit a 500 to 800 word essay on the topic of how baseball/softball has changed or affected their life or what has playing baseball/softball meant to them. Essay entries must be submitted in one hard copy and one electronic copy (MS Word) form;
- As part of the application, the candidate should list and describe their involvement in baseball/softball, extra-curricular activities at their school and/or involvement in their community;
- Each Application Form must include a copy of the Acceptance Letter and/or any other supporting documents confirming acceptance/enrolment at a post secondary institution as a full-time student;
- Each Application Form must include the latest school transcripts along with the previous year's transcripts;
- Application must be submitted to the CVBA offices by July 31 in the subject year; and,
- Applications will not be returned, they become property of CVBA. The CVBA retains the rights to publish any essay submitted.

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

- Applications will be assessed by, at minimum, a three (3) person Selection Committee which will be appointed each year consisting of either:
 - One member from the CVBA Board of Directors;
 - One member from the Administration of the CVBA;
 - One member from the YSBA Board of Directors; but not a CVBA member;
 - One member from the greater Toronto area media;
 - One member from the City of Vaughan Chamber of Commerce or equivalent; and/or
 - One member from the City of Vaughan Council or his/her administrator or equivalent.
- The make-up of the Committee will be such that no member of the committee will be related to any of the applicants;
- The Committee members will announce on the CVBA website in July.
- Judging will be based on:
 - Review of secondary and or post secondary school transcripts together with baseball/softball extra-curricular activities and community involvement and any significant achievements and or awards;
 - Any letters of reference and/or recommendations received from school teaching staff or other testimonials from community groups or employers;
 - Evaluation of the essay;
 - Financial need of the applicant;
 - Final selection is made on an equal opportunity basis with the assessment scored on the above points;
- Scholarships will be awarded by the CVBA, based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee;

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- The decision of the Association with respect to the Scholarship awards shall be final;
- All candidates will be advised as to whether they will receive the Scholarship or not; and,
- Announcement and payment of the Scholarship will take place in the month of August.

E. Terms and Conditions

1. The CVBA Scholarship is administrated and promoted by the CVBA.
2. The CVBA Scholarship is open to all children or dependents of current CVBA members in good standing (within the last playing season). Candidates must have been or currently are player or umpire members of the CVBA for a minimum of five years (minimum three years as a player). Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program and have been granted conditional acceptance for full-time studies at a post-secondary institution or be a post-secondary student continuing full-time studies a post-secondary institution. Candidates must have interest in, and contribute to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations. Candidates must submit a 500 to 800 word essay on the topic of how baseball/softball has changed or affected their life or what has playing baseball/softball meant to them.
3. Application for the CVBA Scholarship must be received by the CVBA via the CVBA Application Form by the deadline date of July 31 for the subject year.
4. The CVBA will award Scholarships based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.
5. Notification to all applicant's whether successful or not, will take place during the month of August.
6. The CVBA's decision is final and not subject to appeal. No correspondence will be entered into. The scholarship award has no alternative. The scholarship is not transferable and no part of it may be substituted for other benefits, items or additions.
7. The CVBA reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships or to even present no scholarships if an insufficient number of deserving applications is received.
8. Application for the scholarship award implies accepting that the CVBA retain unlimited, non-exclusive rights to display, copy, reproduce, publish, and/or distribute the applicant's essay without compensation.
9. The CVBA reserves the right, at their sole and absolute discretion, to use names, photos and information about the applicants without obtaining further consent from the applicant or providing any payment whatsoever to the applicant for any commercial or non-commercial endeavors, publicity, advertising or promotion in perpetuity.
10. The CVBA reserves the right to modify the format and content of essays for publication purposes.
11. By application for the scholarship the applicants agree to allow the free use of their names, photographs and general locations for publicity and news purposes.
12. Application for the scholarship is deemed an acceptance of these terms and conditions.
13. The CVBA reserves the right at any time to cancel, modify or supersede the Scholarship Awards Program (including altering the scholarship amount) if, in their sole discretion, the program is not capable of being conducted as specified.

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CVBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

This application must be completed in full with all supporting documents and must be received by the CVBA Administrator in the CVBA Office prior to or on July 31 of the subject year. If there is insufficient space on this form for any of the sections, then please continue on a separate sheet of paper.

Contact Information

Applicant Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	

Education

Please provide us with a copy of the latest and previous year's school transcript. Also provide a copy of the Acceptance Letter or document confirming enrollment in a post-secondary institution.

Post-Secondary School accepted at or attending	
Program	

Why have you selected this Program?

Tell us about your interest in the selected education program?

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Significant Achievements and or Awards

List any significant achievements that you have accomplished and or any awards bestowed on you.

School and Community Involvement

Describe your involvement in extra-curricular activities at school and in the community (provide no more than the last three years).

Baseball/Softball Involvement

Please list your baseball/softball involvement including the years and with which Association.

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Why should you receive this Scholarship?

Summarize your interest in this Scholarship and state your financial need for this Scholarship.

Essay Submission

Please indicate essay topic and attach your essay to this Application and submit an electronic version to our Office.

Attachments

The following items must be attached with this Application Form:

- Essay;
- Required School Transcripts.

Failure to attach all the above requirements will void this Application Form.

The following item is optional:

- Letters of Recommendations (no more than three).

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I also understand that if I am accepted for this Scholarship, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in the withdrawal of the Scholarship.

Student Name (printed)	
Applicant Signature / Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature / Date	