



Mission Statement: We want to make sure any athlete who wants to play a recreational team sport in our community, regardless of household financial situation, doesn't have to sit on the sideline and watch the other kids score!

Requirements for Eligibility for Individual Scholarships

To be eligible for a H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. scholarship, a youth athlete must:

- Be enrolled in school (K – 12th grade) and live or play in Cobb County, GA. The sports league MUST hold the majority of their practices and games inside Cobb County if applicant does not live in the county.
- Register for one of these recreational team sports – baseball, basketball, cheerleading & football*, lacrosse, soccer, softball or volleyball – through a local recreational youth sports league that holds an open registration for anyone in the community. A team sport is defined as a sport in which a group of individuals on the same team work together to accomplish a goal. A recreational team sport is one in which there are no tryouts (evaluations designed to make even skilled teams are not considered tryouts). **High school athletes are only eligible for scholarships if playing in a recreational league (i.e. not for their high school team). Club or travel sport athletes are not eligible for our traditional scholarship program.**
- Demonstrate a clear financial need that would prevent the athlete from participating in the desired sport without a scholarship
- Have a parent or guardian fill out the online application at www.HASFoundation.org and submit free/reduced lunch, SNAP or WIC verification, Medicaid insurance card, or foster child documentation. If none of these applies, a reference form must be filled out by an independent third-party who can vouch for a sudden hardship.
- Have a parent or guardian submit a current pay stub.
- Submit the application during the applicable sports organization's registration period and season. H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to cut off application acceptable if needed to maintain scholarship balance across leagues.

Requirements for Participation

- Families must commit for their athlete to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices and games.
- Families must pay, out of their own funds, a portion of the registration fee for each applicant. For 2026, that amount is \$25 or 10% of registration fees whichever is greater but will be no more than \$50 per athlete. Note that some leagues require a higher contribution. This requirement *may* be waived in extreme cases or reduced for registration fees less than \$200.

Other Important Information

- H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. scholarships only cover registration fees for participant athletes. Other fees such as memberships, uniforms, or equipment fees or equipment deposits that are not included in the registration fee are the family's responsibility.
- There is currently no limit on number of times a family may apply; however,
 - First time applicants will be given priority.
 - Scholarships will be awarded based on completeness of application and demonstrated need & funding availability.
 - Scholarships will only be awarded for one sport per season per participant (i.e. a scholarship will not be given for baseball and soccer during the same season).
 - Scholarships can only be awarded once in a calendar year to the same athlete.
 - Applicant families who misuse funds or misrepresent their financial situation will be disqualified from any future scholarship money and may be required to reimburse the foundation.
 - Applicants who do not meet the 80% participation requirement as verified by H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. through league contacts will be disqualified from any future scholarship money.
- In cases where applications outnumber funds available, additional information may be requested to determine need and/or scholarship amounts may be reduced particularly for returning applicants.
- Award notification will be by email. Notification will be made as soon as is feasible.
- **All payments will be made to a sports organization. No payments will be made to individuals. No exceptions!**

*For some leagues, cheerleading & football scholarships are handled as grants to the organization. Interested applicants should contact those league representatives to determine how to apply. Information regarding those leagues is available on the foundation's website.

H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. will use the information on the application only to determine scholarship eligibility. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times except to the extent necessary to pay registration fees on behalf of an athlete. Applicants should know that personal finances and family situations will not be discussed outside of eligibility meetings.

H.A.S. Foundation, Inc. does not discriminate based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.