



CBFO Youth Basketball Sports Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

Cedar Bluff Farragut Optimist (CBFO) Youth Basketball provides scholarships for registration fees to children, who without financial assistance would be unable to participate in CBFO sports programs. In certain cases, the scholarship may also aid with basic equipment required to participate in CBFO sports.

CBFO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with limited funding available for scholarships. No guarantee of assistance is implied by this application. If the number of scholarship applications submitted and approved exceeds the amount available, the scholarships will be awarded by a lottery system. CBFO does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its program and activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athletes must be of eligible age to participate in a CBFO Sports Program
- Parents/Guardians commit that the athlete will attend a minimum of 90% of all scheduled practices and games for recreational sports and 95% of all scheduled practices and games for open league sports
- The maximum amount awarded per recipient family is the cost of registration per calendar year. Per IRS guidelines, CBFO is required to issue a 1099 form to any individual or family that has received \$600.00 or more in funds or compensation in a calendar year.

QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide all information required to help CBFO determine qualifications. Scholarship consideration will be given to families that meet the following criteria:

- Provide a copy of your IRS form 1040 from the recent tax year.
- Receive assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, TennCare, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. and can provide written documentation of participation in these programs
- Provide recommendation by a school representative, social worker, youth community center workers or other social service representative
- Provide a written statement of immediate financial hardship explaining the current situation.

CBFO recognizes that a family may not be receiving formal assistance from the programs mentioned above, yet financial assistance may still be needed to participate in a CBFO Youth Basketball Sports Program. In these instances, the CBFO scholarship board will consider the financial hardship statement to determine scholarship eligibility. Please provide any supporting documentation that may support the facts in your financial hardship statement.

- Complete the application process and read and sign the Terms and Conditions statement.

Incomplete applications will automatically be denied.



PROCEDURE

Scholarship requests must be submitted to CBFO two weeks prior to the start of a sport's season in order to be considered.

A parent, guardian, or head of household must complete the application, with all requested information provided. All items on the Scholarship Terms and Conditions must be initialed and the form must be signed and dated.

Incomplete or late applications will be denied.

As indicated above, all of the following must be included to be considered for scholarship:

- Income documentation (i.e. previous year tax returns, current paystubs)
- State or Federal assistance documentation
- Letter from school, social worker, youth community center worker, or other social services representative
- Letter of hardship

The CBFO Scholarship Committee will consider all scholarship applications completed with all necessary documentation and received by the deadline.

The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available.

The parent, guardian or head of household will be notified in either case of a scholarship being awarded or not.

Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. Athlete must still register online or in person for the CBFO Youth Basketball sport for which the scholarship was awarded.