



MYSA Scholarship Guidelines

The primary mission of the MYSA scholarship is to provide college scholarships to area students based on merit. This scholarship program is managed by Marion Youth Sports Association (MYSA). Scholarship awards are decided by an independent panel of judges during the month of April. The awards are individual scholarships in the amounts of \$250 to \$500 a semester.

Scholarships are reserved for high school seniors from West Memphis and Marion AR who attend U.S. accredited colleges and universities (this criteria is waived for all children who participate in MYSA sports). To be considered, scholarship applications (attached below) must be completed, and required support documents must be turned in to MYSA by March 25th (postmarked deadline).

Scholarships are awarded to help defray the costs of tuition, books, room and board, and other college expenses. All scholarship checks are mailed directly from MYSA to the financial aid office of the applicable college or university once supporting materials recognizing attendance have been received.

All scholarship applicants are advised in writing of the boards decisions.

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

MYSA awards scholarships to graduating students from West Memphis and Marion school Districts

What test scores and GPA do I need for scholarship consideration?

Although standardized test scores do not solely reflect academic merit, the scholarship committee does reserve the right to look at SAT and/or ACT scores when evaluating applications. Please keep in mind that the scholarship committee considers all aspects of the student's application.



How To Apply

Along with the completed application, MYSA requires students to submit the following support documents:

- 1) High School Transcript: Please submit a copy of your official high school transcript. If available, make sure that your SAT and/or ACT scores are listed on the transcript.
- 2) SAT and /or ACT Scores: If they are not included on the high school transcript, please send a copy of the official or student (on-line) score report.
- 3) Letters of Recommendation: We want to know what others have to say about you. Please submit two letters of recommendation from teachers/professors, religious leaders, coaches, employers, or others who have important roles in your life. Keep in mind that one recommendation must be from your school. It is wise to choose someone who knows you best and who can take the time to write a descriptive letter.

If possible, please send all documents in ONE envelope to:
Director of MYSA Scholarships
P.O. Box 81
Marion AR 72364

To be completed or submitted with the scholarship application:

- 1) Essay: The essay not only demonstrates your writing ability but also conveys your personality and other qualities previously not listed on the application. The essay portrays the student beyond test scores and GPA. Many college applications require essays. If applicable, you may submit an essay that you have written for college admission. However, make sure that it falls within our scholarship application parameters (i.e. 500 word limit and subject). Many applicants choose to write about what MYSA has meant to them, others write about what their collegiate aspirations are.



Scholarship Renewal Guidelines

The MYSA Scholarship is renewable up to your first four years (eight semesters) of undergraduate studies. The Foundation does not fund additional semesters or fifth year seniors. Please contact MYSA if you have questions about your eligibility.

To maintain the MYSA Scholarship, you agree to:

Maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA. If a 2.75 is not met, please continue to send the Foundation your grades at the end of each semester. Your scholarship may be reinstated if your grades improve. MYSA will allow each recipient a single probation period of one semester. This probation semester is one where the recipient has not met the 2.75 required GPA. During this semester MYSA does not award the scholarship, however should the recipient raise their cumulative GPA to meet the required 2.75 by the end of the semester, the scholarship can be reinstated.

Take a full course load (12 credit hours). MYSA will only award funding if you maintain at least 12 credit hours. Notify MYSA immediately if you plan to drop below 12 credit hours.

Complete the MYSA Scholarship Renewal Form at the end of the Spring semester. Mail, email or fax a transcript or a grade report to MYSA that includes both semester and cumulative GPAs. The deadline for the Fall grade report is January 1 while the Spring deadline is June 1. You may also attach your grade report to the online renewal form. Notify MYSA office of a change of address and email address (email is our main form of communication).

Please notify MYSA if you transfer colleges or plan to study abroad. The MYSA scholarship may help fund study abroad and/or other special educational programs (depending on your colleges policy). However, the scholarship amount will not increase for these purposes.