



TRACK AND FIELD

CLCF'S PASSING THE BATON SCHOLARSHIP

The track program was started in the early 1970's as one of the youth sports under the non-profit group CLCF Sports. The original chairperson of the track program was Russ Cote followed by Doug Webster. The track program began as a two day a week recreational team introducing the basics of the sport to the youths of Cranston. In 2009 the track program expanded its program by offering two teams, the Rec League and the Racing Team. Since the expansion of the program CLCF track has trained athletes from all over Rhode Island as well as Massachusetts and Connecticut. Athletes with CLCF track have competed in meets around New England and across the country earning various individual and team awards. CLCF Panthers has trained All American athletes in indoor and outdoor track. The mission of CLCF track is to encourage good sportsmanship, self-esteem and goal oriented work ethic. The coaching staff supports their athletes in future endeavors through this scholarship. CLCF's Passing the Baton Scholarship is our way to help student athletes handoff from high school to college.

The CLCF's Passing the Baton Scholarship will be awarded annually in April to one male and one female student in their senior year of high school. The scholarship amount to be given out will be \$1000 to each recipient. To be considered for the scholarship the applicant must meet the following criteria:

CLCF Track Participation-The student must have completed at least 4 years of a combination CLCF indoor and outdoor track (Rec League or Racing Team) for ages 14 and under (pre-high school).

High School Track-Applicants must complete at least 3 years combined of high school indoor and outdoor track or a combined 4 years of high school and CLCF Racing Team (at age 15+).

Coaches' Letter of Recommendation-The applicant's high track coach will need to write a letter of recommendation to provide evidence of the student's involvement and character with their high school team.

GPA-A grade point average of 3.8 must be maintained throughout the high school career.

4 Year Institution-The student is planning on attending a 4 year institution to be considered for this scholarship.

Involvement-The student must show involvement in their school and community.

- Being a part of a school's club or teams off season from track
- Providing volunteering hours to help improve their community.
 - Should be at least 10 hours of service
 - Does not have to be school related



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- The applicant cannot be compensated in anyway
- Extra consideration given to students who provide coaching or volunteering with CLCF track.

Leadership-The student will have demonstrated leadership skills in some capacity whether with CLCF track, at the high school level or with their community service.

Track & Field Achievements-Optional but helpful in making a distinction in students with similar traits-Highlights the student's accomplishments and awards during their track career during their time with CLCF and with their school.

Letters of Recommendation-2 letters of recommendation about the student's character but not from a family member or their high school track coach.

Essay-students can provide an essay shedding light on how track and field has had a positive influence on them. The essay should be no more than 500 words(single spaced).

Determination-

- A panel of 3 judges will determine who is awarded the scholarship annually.
- Scholarships will not be awarded to any individual who is related to anyone on the panel.
- When determining the scholarship, names will be concealed to ensure it is awarded on merit.
- Scholarship applications will be due the 2nd week of March of the student's senior year.
- Scholarships will be awarded in the second week of April of senior year.
- If only one gender is represented in the application process for a calendar year, two scholarships to the represented gender will be awarded.
- All requirements must be met to be considered a finalist for the award.