**New England Professional Cheerleaders Alumni Association (NEPCAA) Scholarship Program**

Since its launch, the New England Professional Cheerleaders Alumni Association (NEPCAA), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, has proudly awarded more than **$32,000 in scholarships** to deserving high school seniors.

One of NEPCAA’s core missions is to promote mentorship, leadership, and wellness in the community through scholarship opportunities.

**Administrative Review**

The Executive Board will determine scholarship amounts each year based on NEPCAA’s finances. For the 2026 season, three scholarships will be awarded to the top three applicants. Annual funding will be announced at the NEPCAA Annual Meeting.

**Scholarship Committee**

The NEPCAA Scholarship Committee consists of a Chairwoman and at least two additional members. The committee manages the full process of soliciting, reviewing, and scoring applications, as well as awarding scholarships.

* Each applicant may be nominated by a NEPCAA member (one nominee per member, per year).
* A committee member may nominate a student but may not score that student’s application.
* To avoid conflicts of interest, the Chairwoman will compile a ranked list of scores (without applicant names) and send it to the NEPCAA Executive Board for final review.

**Scholarship Program Details**

The **NEPCAA Spirit Scholarship** is open to high school seniors who:

* Are nominated by a current NEPCAA member
* Participate as a cheerleader, dancer, or gymnast
* Plan to enroll in a four-year college, community college, or technical school

**Nomination Materials:**

* A cover letter from the NEPCAA member (2–3 paragraphs) explaining why the applicant was nominated
* The completed scholarship application

Applications should be emailed to **nepcaaevents@gmail.com** or mailed to:
NEPCAA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 674
Bridgewater, MA 02324

**Deadline:** All materials must be received by **March 31, 2026**.

**Application Process**

* Applications are available on the NEPCAA website and private Facebook page.
* NEPCAA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or gender.
* The Scholarship Committee will evaluate all completed applications submitted by the deadline.
* Finalists will be reviewed by the NEPCAA Executive Board, which will select the top three recipients.
* Scholarship recipients are asked to attend the **Scholarship Luncheon** on **Saturday, April 11, 2026** (location and time TBA).

**Award Announcements**

* The Scholarship Chairwoman will send a ranked, anonymous score report to the NEPCAA President.
* The Executive Board will confirm the top three recipients and scholarship amounts.
* NEPCAA members who submitted nominations will be notified of the results and will contact their applicants.

*Revised, Voted, and Approved: April 2, 2025*

**NEPCAA Scholarship Application**

**Applicant Information**

* Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Activities**
(Check all that apply)
☐ Cheerleader  ☐ Dancer  ☐ Gymnast

**Future Education Plans**
☐ 4-Year College  ☐ Community College  ☐ Technical School

**NEPCAA Member Nominator**
Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Required Attachments**

1. A list or résumé of extracurricular activities, GPA, sports, memberships, clubs, volunteer/community service, and work experience.
2. A 500-word (maximum) typed essay responding to:

Choose one leadership role or extracurricular activity that is especially important to you. Describe its impact, your contributions, what you learned about yourself, and how it has influenced your future plans.

1. A signed written recommendation (paragraph) from the NEPCAA member nominating you.

**Applicant Acknowledgement**

I confirm that all information provided is accurate. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered. I authorize the NEPCAA Scholarship Committee to review my application for eligibility. Applicants must score at least 40 out of 60 points to be considered for one of the three scholarships.

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Instructions**

Email all materials to **nepcaaevents@gmail.com** or mail to:
Dr. Patrice Farquharson
Chairwoman, NEPCAA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 674
Bridgewater, MA 02324

**All applications must be received (not postmarked) by March 31, 2026.**

**Application Checklist**

☐ Completed application form
☐ Résumé/activity sheet from school
☐ 500-word essay (typed, signed, and dated)
☐ Recommendation from NEPCAA member
☐ Commitment to attend Scholarship Luncheon on **April 11, 2026**