



Dave DeBusschere NBRPA Scholarship Fund

2014 Application

In furtherance of its support of the proposition that every citizen should have access to higher education regardless of his or her financial status, the National Basketball Retired Players Association, Inc. ("NBRPA") has established the Dave DeBusschere Scholarship Program ("The Program"). The purpose of the Program is to provide scholarships to eligible NBRPA members returning to college and/or the children or grandchildren of NBRPA members of former professional basketball players to help them meet the costs of higher education.

1. Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify as an ("Eligible Candidate"), one must be a current NBRPA member, the offspring (natural, step, legally adopted or grandchild) or the spouse of an active NBRPA member.

- In addition, an applicant must be either (1) a high school senior who will graduate in the spring and enter a college, university or certain vocational or technical school within the U.S. that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association or agency, (2) any high school graduate who plans to enter such an educational institution, or (3) a student currently enrolled full time in such an educational institution who is returning to school the following fall.
- Applicants currently enrolled in an institution of higher education must have a cumulative GPA of a 2.75 or better to qualify for an award.
- No family member of the NBRPA's staff, or the Board of Directors will qualify as an Eligible Candidate.

2. Scholarship Criteria

The Board of Directors ("The Board") will select scholarship recipients after careful evaluation of the applications of all eligible applicants. Selection will be based on the following criteria: (a) Financial need: An active NBRPA member must have less than \$200,000 of annual household income in order to qualify himself or a related Eligible Candidate for the award. Income will be defined by the adjusted gross income as reported on the 2013 Federal Form 1040 Income Tax Return. (b) Past academic performance and recommendations from instructors, (c) Character, motivation and personal achievement, and (d) Results of a scholastic aptitude test either of the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing Program. These scores will be considered only after a careful evaluation of the applicant's academic record, recommendations, background and demonstrated potential.

COMPLETED applications must be RECEIVED no later than **July 21, 2014** to be eligible for awards for the following Fall. Recipients will be announced by August 11, 2014.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

3. The Board of Directors

The final decision on each scholarship will be made by the Board of Directors of the NBRPA.

This is a competitive scholarship program. Decisions of the Board are final in the absence of an appeal. Any decision from the appeal process shall be final. The Board of Directors will not release justifications for recipient selections.

4. Scholarship Awards

The number of scholarships to be awarded each year will vary pursuant to the number of eligible applicants and the Board's discretion.

Scholarships are awarded for a single academic year. Prior scholarship recipients, provided that all criteria are met, are eligible to apply the following year.

Scholarship awards are mailed directly to the applicant's college or university and are to be used for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of tuition, room & board and textbooks.

The Scholarship Application Process

Candidates must ensure that their **COMPLETE** applications for the Dave DeBusschere NBRPA Scholarship Award are received no later than Monday, July 21st:

1. Completed Scholarship Application Form.
2. Completed Essay.
3. Official (sealed) copy of Transcript by the candidate's present school
4. If an Eligible Candidate is the offspring of a member, then the member must complete the Annual Income and Expenses Form, as well as provide a current copy of their **2013 Federal Tax Return and W-2 Form**. If the Eligible Candidate is the grandchild or spouse of an NBRPA member, then the related NBRPA member must complete the requisite forms. This includes divorced, step, adopted and any other legal guardians claiming the candidate on the tax forms. Failure to submit both forms by the deadline shall render the applications disqualified.*
5. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which you should have received after completing the **'FAFSA'**.
6. Two professional or academic letters of recommendation.

***Please note parents are subject to full disclosure. Both parents, if they file separately, are each required to submit an Annual Income and Expense form as well as a current copy.**

Standardized Test Scores (high school senior's only):

SAT _____ V _____ M or ACT _____ SAT II _____

Fall 2014 Candidate will be: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Candidate is a full-time student? Yes No Intended Major _____

Name of College _____

Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Financial Aid Advisor _____ (_____) _____
Name Phone Number

If different from above, please list the institution's financial Address:

_____ Street City State Zip Code

Send Check in c/o: _____ School Phone number :(_____) _____

Please list in detail your extracurricular activities, work experience, awards, honors, and leadership positions. Use additional paper if necessary.

5. Applicant's Proposed Budget for the 2014 - 2015 Academic Year

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

A. Tuition	\$ _____
B. Room and Board	\$ _____
C. Student Fees	\$ _____
D. Books & Supplies	\$ _____
E. Travel	\$ _____
F. Other	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

6. List all those in your household dependent upon (i.e. supported by) your parent(s) in 2014-2015. Include yourself, your parent(s), your brothers, sisters, and other relatives. Attach extra sheets if necessary.

Name	Age	Year in School	Parents Contribution	Full Time?	Live at School?	Claims as Tax Exempt?
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7. Are there any special circumstances that you would like the Board to take into consideration?

8. Please submit a 750-1000 word essay that answers the following questions:

Why are you deserving of this scholarship?

How would you represent the NBRPA as a recipient of this scholarship?

How will the Scholarship assist you in reaching your future goals?

9. Please submit two (2) Letters of Recommendation from teachers/professors

I understand that before any award can be made, I must first apply and be accepted to a recognized institution of higher learning. I realize that accepting the Dave DeBusschere NBRPA Scholarship Award requires me to register and complete the minimum course load required for status as a full-time student at the institution that I am attending. The award will be made for one academic year. I understand that if I receive a grant, I must submit a current college transcript to the NBRPA Board of Directors at the end of the academic year along with a summary of extracurricular activities undertaken and any honors or recognition received. The information provided on this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsified information can jeopardize my chance for any scholarship consideration. I hereby authorize the release to the NBRPA Board of Directors any information held or to be held by either secondary school, college, or university officials, and others, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts. I understand that this material may be kept confidential both from the public and me; and I waive any right of access that I might have by law. I agree to permit my name, likeness, and nonfinancial information to be used in connection with any public disclosure of the Dave DeBusschere NBRPA Scholarship Fund.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

- 6. Adjustments to income \$ _____
- 7. Untaxed social security benefits received \$ _____
- 8. All other taxable income - child support, Veteran's benefits, housing allowances, Public Assistance, etc. \$ _____
- 9. U.S. income tax paid \$ _____
- 10. State and local taxes \$ _____
- 11. IRS itemized deductions \$ _____
- 12. Mental and dental expenses not covered by insurance \$ _____
- 13. Other unusual expenses (list kinds and amounts in remarks section) \$ _____
- 14. Total number of exemptions claimed on parent's U.S. tax return for 2013: _____
- 15. Total size of the parent's household during 2014-2015 will be: _____
- 16. Please provide a copy of the related member's income tax return for 2013.

Remarks:

CERTIFICATION:

I declare that the information reported on this form is true, correct and complete. I agree that to verify information reported on this form, I will, upon request, provide an official copy of my state or U.S. income tax return for the year(s) requested by the Association.

I further agree to provide, if requested, any other official documentation necessary to verify information reported.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 21, 2014 IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

**Mail to: National Basketball Retired Players Association
Attn: Scott Rochelle
175 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60604**

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION