



WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

Reduced rate or fee assistance for up to 100% of rowing team fees and costs based on financial need.

WHO CAN RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships are available to students, 18 years of age or younger, who desire to participate in Grand Rapids Crew and/or its community education programs, who are Grand Rapids residents (proof of residency may be required), and who meet the low-income criteria. Income can include net income from self-employment, social security, public assistance, alimony, child support payments, regular contributions from people not living in the same household, monetary compensation for services such as wages, salary, and commission for fees, and any other cash income. **Any student receiving free/reduced lunch at school is automatically eligible.**

The low income criteria means the person’s income before deductions from taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, employees social security taxes and other employee deductions.

The Club may consider both the income of the family during the previous calendar and the family’s current rate of income to determine which is the better indicator of need for a scholarship.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I WOULD QUALIFY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarships will be figured initially on a sliding scale as indicated on the table below or based on participation in the school lunch program. **Scholarship availability will be subject to the amount of funds available to award to applicants.**

Higher percentage scholarships may be awarded in the discretion of the GRRRA Board. If someone is having a difficult time making payments, arrangements will be made for a manageable payment schedule. People who abuse this privilege by not paying or not making legitimate attempts to pay will not be allowed to participate or have the chance for a scholarship for two years.

Scholarship Amount Based on Family Size
NOTE that a higher level of assistance may be available to an eligible student.

Annual Family Income	Number of Children in Family							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$0 - \$18,310	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
\$18,310 - \$22,050	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
\$22,050 - \$25,790	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
\$25,790 - \$29,530	25%	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
\$29,530 - \$33,270	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%
\$33,270 & Over	0%	0%	25%	50%	75%	100%	100%	100%

*Source: This table is based upon 2009 Federal Income Guidelines.



Grand Rapids Crew

GRAND RAPIDS ROWING ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (To be Completed by Head of Household) (Student Must be a Resident of Grand Rapids)

Name _____ Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone # _____ Number in family residing at above address _____

Name of athlete(s) requesting a scholarship:

Name	Age	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Note: Family receiving free or reduced lunch at school may base application on that fact instead of providing proof of income.

Check here if you are applying for a **FOSTER CHILD**

Do you receive financial assistance from any of the following agencies? (Check all that apply)

Dept. of Social Services	_____	Social Security	_____
Parent/Guardian	_____	Michigan Employment Security Commission	_____
Academic Scholarship	_____	Other	_____

(If "Other," please explain source _____)

Name of Case Worker, if applicable _____

Case worker phone number _____

Are you employed? _____ If yes, where? _____

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTIONS

(include wages of all working members, welfare payments, pension, social security, scholarships, regular contributions from persons not living in household). **You must attach at least one of the following forms of documentation to substantiate income:** W-2 Form, DSS Form, SSI Form, Social Security or Unemployment Annual Statements, and/or proof of free/reduced lunch program participation.

Amount per month \$ _____ Amount per year \$ _____

By signing below, I give permission to authorized Grand Rapids Rowing Club officials to contact school, employers, social agencies, etc. to verify information on this application. I also understand that deliberate misrepresentation of information subjects the applicant to being disqualified for scholarship consideration. I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

TO APPLY, DELIVER THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO YOUR COACH AT PRACTICE ALONG WITH THE TEAM APPLICATION AND WAIVER, OR MAIL IT TO: **GR CREW SCHOLARSHIPS, P.O. BOX 3189, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49501.**