

UNIFIED SPORTS

LEADER IN INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT

Four scholarships will be awarded to applicants who participate in Unified Sports and demonstrate leadership in creating an inclusive environment in their school. The successful applicants will be selected by a committee made up of Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) and Special Olympics Alberta (SO Alberta) representatives.

Find more information including the application form on the [Unified Sports; Awards and Scholarship](#) section of the ASAA website.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are invited to submit their applications for this scholarship from **Friday, May 1st 2020 to Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 12:00 midnight**. Applications must be submitted online- further instruction will be posted on the ASAA website in the coming months. No applications will be accepted past the deadline.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Graduating grade 12 students who will be attending a post-secondary institution in Canada the September after graduating from high school. Applicants must have participated in a Unified Sports event; preference will be given to applicants who have participated in multiple Unified Sports events throughout their entire high school career.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

4x \$500 scholarships to be distributed geographically as follows:

- **1x Edmonton**
- **1x Calgary**
- **2x Anywhere else in the province of Alberta;** preference will be given to students in rural communities

Note: scholarships may be redistributed at the discretion of the Committee if no eligible applications are received from an area noted above.

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The successful applicant will be selected by a committee of three people:

- Unified Sports Program Director
- ASAA Board Member
- SO Alberta Staff Member

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

All applicants will be required to fill out an application and submit the following: (1x) Letter of Support, (1x) Essay, (1x) Video, (1x) Signed Release for each person in the video, (1x) Headshot of the Applicant. A description of each section can be found below.

- **Application Form** found on the Unified Sports section of the ASAA website. The Application Form includes space to submit the Letter of Support, Essay, and a link to your video.
- **Letter of Support** from a teacher, coach, or administrator at the Applicant's school
- **Essay** written by the Applicant; 500-1000 words and may include pictures. The essay must focus on the following:
 - The Applicant's involvement in Unified Sports in a leadership capacity
 - The impact participating in Unified Sports has had on the Applicant's high school experience
 - How the Applicant intends to continue with Unified Sports OR Special Olympics after graduating from high school
- **Video**; two minutes max that must support the Applicant's essay. The video may include pictures, interviews, clips from Unified Sports events, etc. We encourage all applicants to be creative with their video submissions
- **Signed Release Form** which will be posted on the ASAA website in the upcoming months
- **Headshot** of the Applicant; successful applicants' headshots will be used when the recipients are announced

The letter of support, essay, and video should be submitted using the online pdf found in the Unified Sports section of the ASAA website. If you require more room than what is allowed on the form, please attach it as a separate document with your application. Please submit all completed applications to Shanna Kurylo via e-mail at shanna@asaa.ca.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Shanna Kurylo with any questions.

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