



Rising Tide Volleyball Club Scholarship Application

OVERVIEW

Rising Tide Volleyball Club is committed to providing opportunities for athletes to learn, grow, and compete in the sport of volleyball regardless of financial circumstances. Through the generosity of donors, fundraising efforts, and community support, Rising Tide offers a limited number of need-based scholarships to assist families who may otherwise be unable to participate in our program.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, scholarship funds are limited and awarded based on demonstrated financial need, the completeness of the application, and the availability of funding. Submission of a scholarship application does not guarantee financial assistance.

The purpose of the Rising Tide Scholarship Program is to help ensure that dedicated athletes have access to the developmental, competitive, and character-building opportunities our club provides. Scholarship awards may cover a portion of club dues and are determined on a case-by-case basis by the Rising Tide Scholarship Committee.

All information submitted as part of the scholarship application process will be treated as confidential and reviewed only by those individuals responsible for evaluating scholarship requests. Rising Tide Volleyball Club does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or any other protected status in its programs, activities, or scholarship awards.

We encourage families experiencing financial hardship to apply and look forward to partnering with athletes who are committed to personal growth, teamwork, and the values of Rising Tide Volleyball Club. Scholarship decisions will be based on the athlete's demonstrated commitment, effort, coachability, and sportsmanship, as well as the family's financial need, the completeness of the application, the number of applicants, and the availability of scholarship funds.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are encouraged to provide any additional information they believe may help the Scholarship Committee better understand their circumstances; however, specific financial documentation is not required.

Families seeking scholarship assistance must provide:

- A brief statement describing the family's financial circumstances and need for assistance
- Athlete essay
- An initialed and signed Scholarship Terms and Conditions Form (page 3)
- Completed application (page 4)
- Athlete fundraising or community service requirement

Athlete Essay Requirement:

The athlete must submit a brief essay or letter (approximately 250–500 words) that addresses the following:

- Why is volleyball important to you, and what lessons, skills, or experiences have you gained through the sport
- What your athletic and personal goals are, and how you hope to continue growing both on and off the court.
- What do you hope to achieve and gain as a member of Rising Tide Volleyball Club?
- What would the opportunity to be a part of Rising Tide Volleyball Club mean to you, and how would it help you continue developing as an athlete, teammate, and leader

The purpose of the essay is to help the Scholarship Committee better understand the athlete's commitment to volleyball, personal goals, and the potential impact of the scholarship opportunity.

Fundraising Requirement or Community Service:

Athletes who receive scholarship assistance will be required to participate in at least one club-approved fundraising activity during the season or assist with Youth Camps.

PROCEDURE

Scholarship requests must be submitted to Rising Tide Volleyball Club by July 20, 2026. You will be required to put down a half deposit of \$500 if you are awarded a half scholarship by August 1st to secure your position on the team. A parent, guardian, or head of household must complete the application and provide all requested information. All items on the Scholarship Terms and Conditions must be initialed, and the form must be signed and dated. Applications will be reviewed by the Rising Tide Scholarship Committee. Rising Tide Volleyball Club reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify information provided in this application. Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions by July 22, 2026.

All of the following must be included to be considered for a scholarship:

- A brief statement describing the family's financial circumstances and need for assistance
- Athlete essay
- An initialed and signed Scholarship Terms and Conditions Form (page 3)
- Completed application (page 4)

Rising Tide Volleyball Club Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain good standing within the club by demonstrating attendance, effort, sportsmanship, and adherence to all club policies. Rising Tide reserves the right to revoke scholarship assistance if a player voluntarily withdraws from the club or fails to comply with club expectations.

Read and initial each statement below:

_____By signing this form, I certify that the information contained in this scholarship packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____By signing this form, I agree to be bound by the responsibilities and expectations outlined in this application if I receive a scholarship.

_____By signing this form, I agree to complete one fundraiser that Rising Tide Volleyball Club offers to each player.

_____I understand that members of the Rising Tide Volleyball Board of Directors consider each scholarship application on a case-by-case basis.

_____I understand that this application implies no guarantee of assistance, and scholarships are awarded if funds are available.

_____I understand that scholarship money will not be paid to the individual recipient, nor will any money be refunded to the individual recipient.

_____I understand that if my athlete accepts a roster position and later withdraws from the club, any scholarship assistance awarded may be forfeited at the discretion of Rising Tide Volleyball Club.

_____Information submitted through this application will remain confidential and will only be reviewed by members of the Rising Tide Volleyball Scholarship Committee as necessary.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian of Player

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Player

Name of Scholarship Athlete

Team Athlete was Offered a Position On

Date

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ATHLETE INFORMATION

Athlete's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Athlete Attends: _____ Grade: _____

Athlete lives with: () Both Parents () Mother () Father () Other

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please indicate your total annual household income from all sources (including wages, interest income, investments, alimony, child support, social security, public assistance):

- "Household" includes all people (adults and children) living in the household, related or not (grandparents, other relatives, friends, etc.)

___ Below \$10,000 ___ \$40,001- \$60,000 ___ Over \$100,000

___ \$10,001-\$25,000 ___ \$60,001- \$80,000

___ \$25,001-\$40,000 ___ \$80,001- \$100,000

___ Prefer to explain circumstances in hardship statement

Number of people living in the household: _____

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION

Has the athlete participated in organized sports in the last two years? () Yes () No

What other sport(s) has the child played? _____

Name of Team & Organization _____

Has this athlete ever received scholarships before? () Yes () No

Which sport(s): _____ Year(s): _____ Amount \$: _____