

Exceptional Youth Scholarship Application Instructions

The Exceptional Youth Scholarship (EYS) is a one-time, need-based, \$10,000 award that can be used towards college tuition and other attendance-related expenses such as housing, meal plans, books and campus fees at accredited four-year colleges and universities. The EYS's goal is to recognize and reward high achieving students who are actively involved in giving back to their community.

Application Period: March 18, 2024 – June 7, 2024 (ends at 11:59 pm ET)

Eligibility

- Scholarship amount: \$10,000
- Must be a high school senior at time of application – Scholarships cannot be deferred
- Minimum cumulative GPA: 3.0 (through end of Fall 2023)
- Must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must have devoted a minimum of 100 hours to community service, volunteer, or mentorship activities during 4 years of high school
- Must be a US citizen or legal resident

Items you will need to provide:

- High school transcript(s) (upload document)
- Email addresses for two recommenders (cannot use the same person for both)
 - School Recommendation (form within the application)
 - Community Service Recommendation (form within the application)
- FAFSA
 - [FAFSA Submission Summary](#) which includes the Student Aid Index (SAI)
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 - Must match the amount listed on the FAFSA Submission Summary
- Letter of acceptance from college/university you will be attending (upload document)
 - Cost of attendance for that college/university
 - Financial aid award letter from that college/university (upload document)
 - [If you have not received the financial aid award letter](#) from the college/university

PLEASE NOTE

- The application deadline is **Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:59 pm Eastern Time (EDT)**
****THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS****
- Should you have any system issues with the application process, please email support@smapply.io
- Should you or your recommender have issues with the recommendations, click [here](#) for troubleshooting tips, or email support@smapply.io

HELPFUL HINTS

- **Within 24 hours** of submitting a request to the recommender's email address, please check with them to confirm they received the link to the online form. The email will come from Global Sports Development. If it is not in their inbox, please have them check their junk mail before emailing support@smapply.io

- **Please be sure your recommendations are completed well before the deadline.** Once your recommender has completed their recommendation, you will receive an email notification. You will then need to go into that recommendation section within your application portal and mark it complete. You will not be able to submit your application until you have done this for both recommendations.

- **If you want to stand out:**
 - Follow directions and pay attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
 - We recommend typing all responses into MS Word then copying and pasting into the application to minimize errors.
 - Take time to prepare and present yourself in the best possible light.
 - We are looking for students who demonstrate they are ready to do college level work.

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