



Troy Athens Athletic Booster Foundation

Underclassman Enrichment Grant Eligibility Information

The Underclassman Enrichment Grant is for student athletes seeking to improve their athletic abilities. Grant funds can be used in the following ways:

- Sport training programs or camps
- Travel league fees
- Pay-to-participate fees

In order to be considered for a grant, the student athlete and their family must meet the following eligibility requirements.

1. Grants are available only to current members of the Athens Athletic Booster Club. The membership deadline is **October 30** of each year. A family must be a paid member both the athlete's junior and senior year to qualify for the senior scholarship.
2. Applications forms are available in the guidance office or downloaded on the Troy Athens Athletics Booster website at www.athensathleticboosters.com.
3. Every year, 45 grants are awarded with 15 going to each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. When necessary, winners will be determined by a drawing of eligible candidates. The Board can approve additional grants above 45 if there are more applicants and there is adequate funding available.
4. The underclassman grant awards up to \$175, the money to be used for training programs, camps, or pay-to-participate fee.
5. As a Booster member in good standing, you are eligible to accumulate points for volunteering. Points must remain in a family, defined as Parents/Guardians, student athletes, and siblings who are either current AHS students or dependent college students.
6. To qualify for an underclassman enrichment grant, a Booster family must have accumulated eight points by the deadline on the application. It is most beneficial to families and the Booster organization that volunteers earn four points per semester at TAAB approved events including the concession stand.
 - Sign in sheets are posted at each event, it is the volunteer's responsibility to sign in and keep track of their accumulated hours.

- An AHS student athlete/AHS student sibling earns one point per volunteer hour.
 - A parent, guardian, or dependent college student sibling will receive one point per person, per session.
 - Parent points can only be designated to one AHS student per event session.
 - Only family members living in the same household (parents/guardians/student athletes/AHS student siblings, dependent college student siblings) with a paid membership can earn points for a student athlete.
 - Points cannot be transferred or utilized by another family.
7. Applicant must have participated in an AAB team sports' program at any level (freshman, JV, or varsity) or a varsity club sport verified by the athletic director, a team manager, or team trainer. An Athens coach's signature is required on the application.
8. Student must have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Verification by guidance office is required on the application.
9. A parent or guardian must attend no less than two full meetings between August and April of the current booster year.
- For purposes of the senior scholarship, there is a two meeting per year requirement for both the junior and senior years.
 - A parent or guardian will need to sign in at meetings to verify their attendance.
 - Meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the TAAC room, located in the front of the school (with the exception of school closings and meeting changes. In that case, the meeting will be held the second Monday of the month.)
10. Applications must be submitted to the guidance office on or before the deadline stated on the application. Guidance office will be date and time stamp the application, and the applicant will be given a receipt.
- Those students receiving grants will be notified with an award letter at the Honors Assembly in May. Payment to the camp/training must be made within the dates of the grant season (Honors Assembly - April 15th of following year). Receipts must be received by April 30th to be reimbursed. A one-time reimbursement will be made after receipt(s) have been received and the camp/training has been completed.
11. The student must submit a paid receipt by mail, email or in person for the camp/training to the scholarship chairperson to receive the grant money.

Acceptable paid receipts are defined as follows:

- Pay-to-participate receipt for participation during the grant season.
- An official paid receipt from the camp/training/league that includes the camp/training/league name, camp/training/league date, student's name, the date, and amount paid.
- Copies of the front and back of a cancelled check showing the camp/training/league name, camp/training date, student's name, date, and amount paid.

- A signed receipt from coach showing camp/training/league attended, camp/training/league date, payment made, student's name, and date paid.

12. Please reference senior scholarship guidelines for eligibility requirements for senior scholarships.

13. **Lead grant opportunity:** Members, who have received concession lead training and have satisfied the eight points needed to apply for the student grant of up to \$175, are eligible to qualify for a lead grant. Application for the lead grant of up to \$175 is available to members who have already obtained eight points and then volunteer as concession lead for an additional eight points. Lead grants can be redeemed by submitting a qualifying receipt for active AHS student in the family during the grant window. Lead training is held periodically throughout the school year, contact a board member to find out times and locations.

14. Inquiries should be sent to kdoyle717@gmail.com

All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.