



## Underclassman Enrichment Grant Eligibility Requirements

The underclassman enrichment grant is for student athletes seeking to improve their athletic abilities. Reimbursed grant funds can be used for:

★ Pay-to-participate fees ★ Athletic training programs or camp fees ★ Travel league fees

Student athletes and their families must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for a grant:

1. Grants are available only to current members of the Athens Athletic Booster Foundation. Families must be PAID members prior to earning points for an athlete. A family must be a paid member for both an athlete's junior and senior years to qualify for a senior scholarship.
2. Application forms may be downloaded on the Troy Athens Athletics Booster website at: [www.athensathleticboosters.org](http://www.athensathleticboosters.org).
3. The current underclassman grant, awards up to \$175 in ONE check to be reimbursed with receipts for costs associated with pay-to-participate, athletic training programs/camps or travel league fees.
4. The applicant must have participated in a freshman, JV, or varsity Athens sport, Athens varsity club sport, or have been an athletic trainer assistant/team manager, which can be verified by the Athens Athletic Coordinator.
5. The student must have earned a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA. The counseling center will verify a student's GPA.
6. To qualify for an underclassman enrichment grant, a Booster family must accumulate a minimum of eight (8) points by the deadline on the application. As a Booster member in good standing, family members who may earn volunteer points for the applicant are defined as parents/guardians, AHS student athletes and/or siblings who are high school age or older. Points must remain in a family and siblings who are in middle school are not eligible to earn points until spring break of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.
7. Points begin accumulating from the April TAAB membership meeting/spring break each year.
  - ❖ Sign in sheets are posted at each event and it is the volunteer's responsibility to neatly sign in to receive any credit. The Grant and Scholarship committee makes every attempt to track volunteer points earned, however, it is strongly recommended that families keep their own logs as well.
  - ❖ Parents/guardians, AHS student athletes and/or siblings who are high school age or older will earn one (1) point per person, per full event shift.

- ❖ A parent's earned point can only be designated to one AHS student athlete per event.
  - ❖ Only family members living in the same household with a PAID membership can earn points for a student athlete. (parents/guardians, AHS student athletes and/or siblings who are high school age or older)
  - ❖ Points cannot be transferred or utilized by another family.
8. A parent or guardian must attend at least two complete TAAB membership meetings between August and April.
- ❖ A parent or guardian must neatly sign in at TAAB membership meetings to verify their attendance.
  - ❖ For purposes of the senior scholarship, there is a two meeting per year requirement for both the applicant's junior and senior years.
  - ❖ Most meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the TAAC room, located in the front of the school. Meeting dates are posted on the Booster website for reference. (Exceptions are made for school closings and school vacations. In that case, the monthly meeting will generally be held the second Monday of the month.)
9. **Lead grant opportunity:** Members who receive ServSafe and concession lead training are eligible to lead concession stand events and earn points which may qualify them for a lead grant. Members who complete the 8 points needed for an undergraduate grant may continue to volunteer as a concession lead to earn an additional 8 lead points and qualify for a lead grant of up to \$175. Lead training is held periodically throughout the school year. Contact the concession manager or a board member to find out times and locations for lead training. The minimum of 8 points required for a lead grant must be earned during a single Booster year. Lead grants can be redeemed by submitting a qualifying receipt for an active AHS student in the family during the grant window.
10. Applications must be submitted to Raquel Schriber at [taab.grants@gmail.com](mailto:taab.grants@gmail.com) or during a Booster meeting prior to the deadline on the application form.
- ❖ Families receiving grants will be notified by email. Grants must be spent on pay-to-participate/ sports camps/athletic training/travel league fees that occur within the dates of the grant award season (June 1st - April of the following year).
11. Families must submit a paid receipt to the scholarship chairperson by mail, email or in person for the pay-to-participate/sports camps/athletic training/travel league fees to receive the reimbursed grant check. Receipts must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be reimbursed. A ONE-TIME reimbursement check will be issued after receipt(s) have been received and the camp/training has been completed. Please cash checks in a timely manner.

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 canceled check showing the camp/training/league name, camp/training date, student's name, date, and amount paid.
- ❖ A signed receipt from the 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. The Board awards grants and senior scholarships to students meeting the criteria. The Board can adjust the number of grants/scholarships awarded and/or decrease the amount of the grants/scholarships based on the financial health of the organization. It is the responsibility of the Board to announce any changes to the grant/scholarship program during membership meetings.
14. Inquiries should be sent to [taab.grants@gmail.com](mailto:taab.grants@gmail.com).

All decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.