



Middletown Valley Athletic Association YOUTH SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATION

Dear prospective scholarship applicant:

Attached is the Middletown Valley Athletic Association (MVAA) scholarship application. Each year the MVAA awards up to two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to a graduating senior who has exemplified a strong MVAA connection.

Qualification and Submittal Reminders:

- To be eligible for the scholarship, you must have at least 5 years of active participation in the MVAA and must have given back to the MVAA by volunteering such as coaching, assistant coaching, lining fields, organizing uniforms or equipment, etc. Exceptions will be considered for applicants that have lived in the Middletown area for less than 5 years but have played in the program since moving here. etc.
- The applicant must be a senior attending Middletown High School during the 2023/2024 school year.
- The applicant's grade point average must be at least 3.0/4.0 scale.
- Application must be filled out completely and submitted with the following information:
 - A certified copy of your high school transcript,
 - Letter of recommendation (1 minimum),
 - No more than two-page essay describing, "How participation in the MVAA shaped my life as a scholar/athlete and citizen AND how I have been able to give back to the MVAA."
 - Self-addressed stamped return envelope for reply.
- Application must be postmarked by April 15, 2024, and sent to the following address:

Middletown Valley Athletic Association
Scholarship Committee
31 W. Main St. Suite A
Middletown, MD 21769

- The process for determining the scholarship winners will be completed by mid-May and scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Awards Ceremony.

Please forward your questions and comments to: marci@mvaasports.com

Thank you for your interest and good luck!



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type or Print All Information

Name: _____ Date: _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

A certified copy of your transcript must be included with your application.

High School and Address:

Course of Study (for example, Honors, Advanced Placement):

Grade Point Average (for example, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale): _____

Class Ranking: _____



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Number of Service hours volunteered in MVAA: *Please be specific-indicated number of hours per which season & number of seasons. Please be descriptive as to service task performed and include the name of the contact person for each task. This information is a crucial part of the essay, so please be sure it is reflected in your essay.

ACTIVITIES / AWARDS

High School Activities: Include technical activities such as academic clubs, Local or State Science Fairs, and non-technical activities such as athletic teams, service clubs, and school publications sponsored by your high school. Indicate length of participation, offices held, and significant contributions.

Honors / Awards (not listed in previous section): Indicate special recognition, academic honors, or other special achievements. Describe what you did to earn the recognition.



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Community Activities: Include activities not sponsored by your high school such as Scouts, 4H, Junior achievement, and leadership in community organizations. Indicate your length of involvement and significant contributions.

Addendum Information: Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you? (Special achievements not already covered, hobbies, unusual family circumstances, any other information which might be useful to us in considering your application)



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ESSAY GUIDELINES

“How participation in the MVAA shaped my life as a scholar/athlete and citizen and how it has enabled me to give back to the MVAA.” Focus your essay on your academic achievement, civic involvement, leadership activities and positions you’ve held in youth sports. Please be specific in your essay as to how much time or how many years of service you have given back to the MVAA (ie. Assistant coaching, lining fields etc.). Please include the seasons that you volunteered with the MVAA, including dates and number of hours on each date, along with the MVAA contact person for whom you volunteered. You may use all or some of the suggested topics below to develop your essay. Please limit your essay to 2 double-spaced pages (see “format” below).

- (1) **Leadership/group contributions:** Describe examples of your leadership experience and share how you have significantly influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time. Consider responsibilities you have taken for initiatives taken in or out of school.
- (2) **Personal Development:** How have the MVAA Core Values of leadership, discipline, integrity, hard work, and personal courage shaped your life? Describe any of your special interests and how you have developed knowledge in these areas. Give examples of your creativity: the ability to see alternatives; take diverse perspectives; come up with many, varied, or original ideas; or willingness to try new things.
- (3) **Community service:** Explain what you have done to make your community a better place to live. Give examples of specific projects in which you have been involved over time.
- (4) **Goals/task commitment:** Articulate the goals you have established for yourself and your efforts to accomplish these. Give at least one specific example that demonstrates your work ethic/diligence.

Format

Use 8 ½” x 11” white paper; type or use a computer. Limit the essay to two pages. Use your NAME and ESSAY TITLE as the title of your paper. **Triple-space** after the title and **Double-space** the body of your essay and use 1” margin all around. Use Times New Roman, size 12 font. (No extra documents such as pictures, resume, etc. are allowed.)



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Essay Evaluation Procedures: Your essay will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Flow/Organization,
2. Grammar,
3. Punctuation,
4. Typed (preferred) or legibly written,
5. No more than two pages in length.

Letter(s) of Recommendation:

Your application will not be complete without a letter of recommendation (one minimum). It is your responsibility to submit the letter to MVAA. Youth coaches and teachers, or persons familiar with your applicable academic, athletic, or community service background are recommended (do not use relatives).

I certify that all the information furnished on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that such information is confidential and subject to verification by the MVAA.

SIGNATURE

DATE



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MVAA Office:

Received by _____ Date _____
Application _____ Essay ___ Reference#1 ___ Reference #2 ___ Reference#3 ___
Transcripts _____

Scholarship Committee:

Meets Criteria? _____ If no, explain _____

Rank _____

Committee Chair, Name and Signature