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Special Needs Scholarship

The Oregon Gymnastics Academy's mission is to promote and motivate character, fitness, and health in the lives of our athletes, employees, and community through the sport of gymnastics. OGA provides a top quality gymnastics education to children of all ages and abilities. We strive to develop high caliber athletes with strong character who are able to be successful and progress in the sport to the highest level they desire. Through the sport of gymnastics, OGA teaches life lessons and skills our athletes will take with them and utilize to have a positive impact on the world.

OGA's All Star Program was created with the belief that all students deserve the opportunity to have a positive gymnastics experience. Our Special Needs Scholarship is designed to ensure gymnastics is available to all children, regardless of individual ability. Scholarship awards are based on need, and availability of funds, and may be a partial or full award.

Instructions for Tuition Assistance:

1. Complete application form
2. Provide a letter from parent or guardian requesting tuition assistance and detailing reason for request
3. Provide most recent Tax Return and evidence of a financial need which may include:
 - Paycheck stubs
 - Social security disability statements
 - Proof of acceptance into the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program or WIC
 - Aid for Dependent Children Award
 - Notice of eligibility from Adult and Family Services, or Social Security qualification.
4. Provide information documenting the special challenges the child faces and current therapies
Examples may include:
 - Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP)
 - Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Behavior Support Plans
 - Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Plans
5. Gather any additional documentation that may be relevant
6. Submit all of the information above in a secured envelope to the Special Needs Program Manager

If any additional information is requested, you must provide it within 15 days. All information and documents will be kept in a secured location and will be kept confidential.

Expectations:

- Families receiving assistance are expected to pay the annual registration fee and be members in good standing.
- Current members of OGA applying for scholarship must be in good financial standing. Scholarship awards cannot be applied retroactively.
- Families must also adhere to due dates for tuition and other fees. Failure to do so may result in the assistance being revoked and an inability to re-apply.
- Applicants must conduct themselves as responsible members of the OGA community. Additionally, regular attendance is required. Should the child's coach or OGA Management determine otherwise, the Executive Director may terminate the scholarship.

Notification:

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate the application and respond to the applying family within 30 days from date of receipt of the completed application package.

- Families are responsible for informing the Special Needs Manager in writing, of any changes in income or circumstance within 30 days of the occurrence of the change

Renewal of scholarship is not automatic. Families must re-apply in order to qualify for additional assistance.



OREGON GYMNASTICS ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Student's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian Applying: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Current OGA Member: Yes No

If no, has your child participated in gymnastics classes before? Yes No

Type of scholarship applying for: Tuition Assistance Special Needs Short-Term Member Assistance

Monthly Tuition Support Amount Requested: \$ _____

***I certify that all information submitted on this application, as well as any additional forms or paperwork is true and complete; and I also understand that if any false information, omissions, or misrepresentations are discovered, my application may be rejected or my scholarship revoked.**

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Application Check List:

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Letter from Parent or Guardian requesting assistance and detailing need
- ✓ Copy of most recent tax return (IRS 1040)
- ✓ Other evidence of financial need (i.e. Federal Free & Reduced Lunch Program, WIC, Family Services, etc.)
- ✓ Any additional documentation that may be relevant
- ✓ If you are not a current OGA member you must complete a registration form and submit it with your application

All required information must be provided before the application can be processed. Additional information may be requested after application submission.