



Minnesota Twins Community Fund Diamonds and Dreams Scholarship Program

THE PROGRAM

The Minnesota Twins Community Fund Diamonds and Dreams Scholarship Program is designed to support Upper Midwest and Southwest Florida youth in their pursuit of postsecondary education. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Twins Community Fund, a nonprofit organization formed in 1994 to lead the Minnesota Twins community work.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services[®], a division of Scholarship America[®]. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Minnesota Twins Community Fund Diamonds and Dreams Scholarship Program must be –

- U.S. residents, residing in one of the following states: Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or southwest Florida.
- High school seniors who plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Students planning to participate in a collegiate baseball/softball program should check eligibility and/or scholarship restrictions at their school.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Participants (player or volunteer) with an organized youth baseball or softball organization.

Employees of the Minnesota Twins, Scholarship America, their subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies and their immediate family (spouses, parents, children or siblings and their spouses) and persons living in the same household of such employees, who are employed at the time of application are ineligible to receive a scholarship.

AWARDS

The authorized distribution for new awards is \$40,000. Up to 20 awards of \$2,000 each will be granted.

Awards are one-time only and are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **March 12, 2012**.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applicants must submit their application in English. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. Scholarship Management Services may forward applicant information to Minnesota Twins Community Fund for review.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

In selecting recipients, consideration will be given to those who have participated (team managers or volunteers will also be considered) with a baseball or softball team (High School or Organized Recreation League), been involved in community service and/or volunteer work, and have received leadership awards and honors in school and community activities. Consideration will also be given to academic record and financial need. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate need.

A minimum of one award is designated for a participant in the R.B.I. program (Reviving Baseball in Inner-City conducted by the Minnesota Twins and the St. Paul and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Departments) given there are eligible applicants.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

On behalf of the Minnesota Twins Community Fund, Scholarship Management Services will process scholarship payments. A check will be mailed to each recipient's home address on August 15. Checks are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the Minnesota Twins Community Fund other than attendance at a Twins event for award presentation, if scheduled. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested. Except as described in these guidelines, no obligation is assumed by the Minnesota Twins Community Fund.

REVISIONS

The Minnesota Twins Community Fund reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Minnesota Twins Community Fund Diamonds and Dreams Scholarship Program
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