



## **DISTRICT 8 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **DUE: SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2021**

The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association currently sponsors eleven scholarships to support student membership available to athletic training students within District 8. Recipients of each scholarship receive a \$1500.00 monetary award and a plaque. An additional certificate is also presented to the nominating certified athletic trainer of each scholarship recipient. All of the awards are given in order to continue promoting the education and profession of athletic training, as well as recognize some of the outstanding students who represent the future of the Athletic Training profession. Four of the current scholarships are given in memory of individuals who contributed greatly to the growth and success of the profession of Athletic Training.

**Felix Rivera Memorial Scholarship** | Undergraduate Student

**Gail Weldon Memorial Scholarship** | Undergraduate Student

**Jerry Lloyd Memorial Scholarship** | Undergraduate Student

**Bill Chambers Scholarship Endowment** | Undergraduate or Graduate Student

**Scott Sailor Scholarship** | Undergraduate or Graduate Student

**Lewis Crowl Scholarship** | Undergraduate Student

**CATA Student Scholarship** | Undergraduate or Graduate Student

**Daniel D. Arnheim Scholarship** | Graduating Senior or Graduate Student

**Julie Max Scholarship** | Graduating Senior or Graduate Student

**Mark Ando & Ito Family Scholarship** | Undergraduate or Graduate Student of Asian Descent

**HATA Scholarship** | Graduate student from Hawaii or registered in a program in Hawaii

**REMINDER:** The FWATA Scholarships Committee developed a new application process for District 8 athletic training students different from NATA and previous years. Amidst 2021, a new option for students this year is the ability to submit an application fully online via Google Forms.

\*Please note that submitting an application for an undergraduate or graduate scholarship through the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA Research & Education Foundation) NO LONGER automatically places the applicant eligible for a FWATA scholarship. The student applicant must now submit separate applications for a FWATA (\$1,500 award) and NATA (\$2,300 award) scholarship.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **All applications are due and must be received in full by Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**
- All supporting documents, including letters of recommendation must be submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered, no exceptions.
- **Submit completed application via Online Google Form, or email to Committee Chair Brenda Valdez Nava ([bvaldeznava@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:bvaldeznava@collegeofthedesert.edu)).**
- All letters of recommendation must be addressed to Scholarships Chair and received directly from sponsoring Athletic Trainer via email.
- Scholarships Committee anticipates a Virtual Award Ceremony following 2021 ACSM in April. Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in virtual ceremony and leading activities.
- Any questions should be addressed to Scholarships Chair Brenda Valdez Nava.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Professional “Entry-Level” & Post-Professional Students:

- Enrolled in a CAATE-accredited professional athletic training program within District 8
- Junior standing OR current enrollment in professional master’s program at time of application only if pursuing further education in Athletic Training

***NOTE:** Post-Professional Students must be currently enrolled in a graduate-level degree program (masters, doctoral, or professional) with one or more years remaining at time of application i. OR been accepted to a graduate-level degree program with intent to enroll by fall 2021 ii. OR submitted an application to a graduate-level degree program with intent to enroll by fall 2021.*

- Accrued clinical hours as student, OR volunteer related to the Athletic Training profession
- Cumulative GPA of “B” (3.0) or higher & Major GPA of “B” (3.0) or higher
- Both grad AND undergrad transcripts required.
- Current student **membership in FWATA** and must have an **NPI**
- Sponsorship by an Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the NATA & FWATA

***\*NOTE:** An Athletic Trainer or Program faculty may only sponsor **TWO** applicants per year.*

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information and items must be completed to submit a scholarship application:

**1. General Application:**

- Four components: *General Information, Supplemental Responses, Essay Responses and Sponsorship / Letter of Recommendations*

**2. Two Recommendation Letters:**

- FIRST letter must be by an athletic trainer that sponsors the student applicant; should be an AT who has worked with the student such as program director, clinical education coordinator, department head, preceptor, team physician, or other healthcare professional familiar with the clinical performance of the applicant
- SECOND letter may come from any individual chosen by applicant that can attest to character overall.

**NOTE:** Letters of recommendation must be emailed directly to the Scholarship Chair [bvaldeznav@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:bvaldeznav@collegeofthedesert.edu) and received directly from the email provided by student for the individual.

**3. Professional resume:** 1-page maximum

**4. Copy of unofficial transcript:** Must include student's full name and Student ID

## APPLICATION REVIEW & SELECTION CRITERIA

- Complete applications will be reviewed by the members of the Scholarships Committee, and scored using a standard rubric. Scores will be compiled by the Scholarship Chair, and applicants will be ranked. The top ranked applicants will be re-reviewed by the entire committee and if approved, will be selected as scholarship recipients.
- **The recipients will be scored on the following criteria:**
  - a. Academic achievement (overall/major GPA, awards/scholarships)
  - b. Clinical skill and performance (clinical experience/hours)
  - c. Professional/athletic training service (participation in program or university organizations related to AT, professional memberships, leadership positions, meeting attendance)
  - d. Community/external service (participation in university, community, or other groups not related to AT, associated leadership roles, awards)
  - e. Character (letters of recommendation)

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

**Recipients will be notified of their award by April 23, 2021. Recipients must immediately respond to Chair with acceptance of award, along with submission of the following:**

- a. Official transcript from their current institution
  - b. Official enrollment verification from academic institution with stamp for *Spring 2021* term
  - c. Color photograph to be showcased at FWATA's Virtual Award ceremony (photograph must be professional with a focus on the face and upper torso of the applicant).
- **Once received, FWATA & Scholarships Chair will send plaque AND monetary award to applicant's preferred address on application.**

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## Application Guidelines

The FWATA Scholarships Committee developed a new application process for District 8 athletic training students different from NATA and previous years. Amid 2021, students now have the ability to submit an application fully online via Google Forms. We would like to make this our standard application method going forward, but will be accepting either method this year as a transition period.

Please select **ONE** of the following options to submit your application for 2021:

**OPTION 1:** Fill out a Google Form Application: <https://forms.gle/eEByQMigMUNH16E46>

***NOTE:** Once started, form must be submitted at time of completion, there is no "Save & Finish Later" Option. You will be able to upload transcript and resume to form.*

**OR**

**OPTION 2:** Email completed PDF application to Committee Chair. All attachments must be submitted as individual **.pdf** files under one email in the following format:

**Applicant Name: John Smith**  
General Application: JSmith\_GA.pdf  
Resume: JSmith\_Resume.pdf  
Unofficial Transcript: JSmith\_UTranscript.pdf

**AND**

***ALL Rec Letters must be submitted by sponsor directly to Scholarship Committee Chair via Email***  
[bvaldeznava@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:bvaldeznava@collegeofthedesert.edu)

### Submission Checklist

- General Application with all components:
  - a. General Information
  - b. Supplemental responses
  - c. Essay responses
  - d. Sponsorship & Rec Letter Information
- 2 Recommendation Letters (sponsor & supporting)
- Professional Resume
- Unofficial Transcript

**Scholarship applications are due and must be received in full via email or submitted online by *April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.***



**2021 FWATA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_      Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

NATA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_      NATA Member Since: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Student Level: \_\_\_\_\_      NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current D8 College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Year College/University (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred mailing address: \_\_\_\_ School    \_\_\_\_ Home    Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_      Major GPA (on a 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:** Several NATA Foundation Scholarships are designated for students of particular ethnic categories. By identifying your ethnicity, you are allowing yourself to be qualified for the scholarships assigned to these particular ethnicities. Select Ethnic Category with which you most closely identify (check one). If you identify with multiple categories, check multi-ethnic and identify the ethnic groups below. You may also choose not to share.

- American Indian or Alaska Native**
- Asian**
- Black or African American**
- Hispanic**
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**
- White**
- Multi-Ethnic**
- Prefer not to share**



**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES**  
*(Maximum of 200 words per section)*

**A. Clinical athletic training experiences.** *List your work experiences as an athletic training student. Please complete list using descending chronological order (start with most recent). [i.e., 1/2014-8/2014: ATS at Main Street High School, Anytown, TX]*

**RESPONSE:**

**B. Community service in athletic training.** *List your athletic training experiences outside of your employment/school, such as in your community and other public health roles. (e.g., recreational events, marathons, state/city games, USOC appointments, and/or Special Olympics).*

**RESPONSE:**

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**C. Association Membership related to Athletic Training or Allied Healthcare.** *Provide a list of your memberships/involvement and your role. This includes but is not limited to NATA, District, State committees, other allied healthcare professional organizations, and School/University athletic training groups.*

**RESPONSE:**

**D. Professional development within athletic training.** *Provide a list of your professional development activities over the last 2 years. This includes CEUs or other courses you have attended to extend your learning or meet requirements of certification status (e.g., GLATA annual symposium March 2014, FMS training September 2017).*

**RESPONSE:**

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E. **Activities/Clubs/Community or Civic Service (not related to athletic training).** *Provide a list of involvement in your local, regional, or state service activities. This includes but is not limited to employee organizations, fraternities, sororities, church/civic groups. Indicate your role (e.g. Member, President, Vice President, Social Chair, etc.).*

**RESPONSE:**

F. **Previous awards and honors.** *Provide a list of your previous awards and honors (e.g., Bulldog award for consistent leadership – Anytown HS – March 2017).*

**RESPONSE:**





**ESSAY RESPONSE 1**

*(Maximum of 500 words per question)*

**Question 1:** *Identify and describe your most meaningful athletic training experience (classroom, clinical assignment, job, or research lab) and how it has influenced your future career goals.*

**RESPONSE:**



**ESSAY RESPONSE 2**

*(Maximum of 500 words per question)*

**Question 2:** *Describe a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart and makes you a good candidate for an FWATA Scholarship.*

**RESPONSE:**



**ESSAY RESPONSE 3**

*(Maximum of 500 words per question)*

**Question 3:** *Explain a situation where you served as a leader during: a group project, an organized work project or activity, or a community service project. Explain in detail your role and how individuals responded to your leadership.*

**RESPONSE:**



**ESSAY RESPONSE 4**

*(Maximum of 500 words per question)*

**Question 4:** *In your opinion, what is one of the most important issues facing athletic trainers in today's healthcare community and what role do you hope to play in addressing this issue?*

**RESPONSE:**



**ESSAY RESPONSE 5**

*(Maximum of 500 words per question)*

**Question 5:** *If you were chosen to receive a FWATA scholarship, how would you use the award. Please share how COVID19 Pandemic has affected you personally, and the impact on your educational journey.*

**RESPONSE:**



## SPONSORSHIP & RECOMMENDATION LETTER INFORMATION

**1. Sponsoring Athletic Trainer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

NATA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Supporting Recommendation Letter by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby confirm that all of the information above is true and correct.

I \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge all eligibility criteria and agree to meet all requirements above if selected as recipient.

**Applicant's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_