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Scholarship Application**

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In an effort to ensure clear communication, **pages 3 and 4** of the application are “fillable.” This means you will be able to type in the information requested on these two pages of the form. Double click on the lines and type in your information.

Once you have completed pages 3 and 4, you will want to save the form/application and print out the entire document. Follow all of the instructions and finish the rest of the application.

We recommend you answer the three “Personal Experiences, Goals and Aspirations Narrative” questions on page 5 using a separate computer/typed sheet. You can include the separate sheet directly behind page 5 when submitting your application package.

If for any reason, the “fillable” process is not possible or unfamiliar to you, merely print this form/application and fill it out using a black ink pen.

All other pertinent information is included in the application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact: scholarship@gsfyb.org

Thank You!



2012 Scholarship Information and Qualifications

In 2005, the makers of Minute Maid and the Houston Astros announced the Grand Slam For Youth Baseball (GSFYB) Scholarship Program to assist greater Houston-area high school senior boys and girls with college expenses.

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In 2012, GSFYB will award 25 \$ 2,500 scholarships.

Qualifications for Application

Applicant must:

- have participated in a youth baseball or softball program;
- reside in the Greater Houston Area which is defined as the region where Houston Astros' games are broadcast.
- graduate from a public or private secondary school by June 15, 2012;
- provide evidence of admission to a post-secondary college or university, including, but not limited to, a junior or community college, in the United States or a United States territory, as well as acceptance of that admission;
- complete and submit application along with two adult recommendations by the set deadline;
- complete a personal interview with the Grand Slam For Youth Baseball scholarship selection committee **if** selected as a semifinalist.
- **not be a recruited prospective student athlete.** Specifically, applicant is not eligible for this scholarship if
 - 1) *applicant has been provided an official visit to an institution;*
 - 2) *applicant, his/her parent(s), relative(s) or legal guardian(s) have*
 - a) *any arranged, in-person, off-campus encounters; or*
 - b) *any telephone contact on more than one occasion;**with any representative of any institution for the purpose of athletic recruitment.*
 - 3) *applicant has been issued a National Letter of Intent or has received an institution's written offer of athletic-related financial aid.*

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Additional applications available at www.gsfyb.com, on the home page .



2012 Scholarship Application

Please type or print legibly in black ink.

How and or where did you learn of the Grand Slam For Youth Baseball Scholarship Program?

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Please indicate your status. Male: _____ Female: _____

Name of Father/Guardian: _____

Name of Mother/Guardian: _____

High School Data

Name of High School: _____ Location: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

I rank _____ in a class of _____ students.

Cumulative Grade Point: Weighted: _____ /4.0 scale

Unweighted: _____ /4.0 scale

Post-Secondary School Data

Name of College or University you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.) Use official school names. Do not use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____

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Major or course of study: _____ Career Objective: _____

Student will: Live on campus _____ Live off campus _____ Commute from home _____

Anticipated Annual Cost of Tuition, Room & Board \$ _____

Please list the name and annual amount of any other grants or scholarships you have been awarded.

Name of Award:

Amount:

_____ \$ _____ Granted ___ Pending ___

_____ \$ _____ Granted ___ Pending ___

_____ \$ _____ Granted ___ Pending ___

_____ \$ _____ Granted ___ Pending ___

Please Note!

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on separate sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

Work Experience

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g. food server, baby sitting lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate hours worked each week. List amount earned at each job.

Employer/Position	From-Mo/Yr	To-Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Earnings
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Activities, Awards and Honors

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past four-years (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics, etc.). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	Years of Participation	Awards/Honors	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Participation in Youth Baseball or Softball

Please list your participation in youth baseball or softball including leagues/teams and years of play.

League/Team	Location	Years of Play
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Are you a first-generation student?

A first-generation student is defined as an applicant whose parents have had no college or university experience.

Yes _____ No _____



Unusual Circumstances

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school, community or sports activities.

Personal Experiences, Goals and Aspirations Narrative. Please use the space below **or another sheet**

1- Other than the obvious values of teamwork and leadership, what impact has baseball or softball had on your life.

2- Tell us about your educational and career objectives as well as your long-term life goals.

3- Who is your mentor and why?

Two letters of recommendation are required: one from a teacher, and one from a counselor, employer, coach or religious leader. The letters should comment on the applicant's qualifications for the scholarship and his/her character that reflects highest ethical standards. Please use form that is part of this application. The forms should be submitted in a sealed envelope with applicants name written on envelope. Below, please provide the names of the two (2) people submitting recommendations on your behalf and their titles:

Name

Title

1. _____

2. _____

Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria set forth in application. This application and related material becomes the property of Grand Slam for Youth Baseball. (Please keep copies for your files.)

I acknowledge decisions of Grand Slam for Youth Baseball are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements as described. I certify that the information I have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this application. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____





Scholarship Recommendation Form

(Applicant: Please copy this blank form as necessary for each person submitting recommendation)

NOTE TO PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM - Please complete this form; place the form in an envelope and seal. Return sealed envelope to the applicant with their name on the front of envelope no later than **Friday, May 4, 2012.**

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's Attributes

NOTE: Use the evaluation scale on the following basis– 1: Applicant doesn't exhibit the named attribute; 2: Applicant is below average in the named attribute; 3: Applicant is average in the named attribute; 4: Applicant is above average in the named attribute; or 5: Applicant is far above average in the named attribute.

Citizenship	1	2	3	4	5	Comments: _____
Emotional Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	Comments: _____
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	Comments: _____
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5	Comments: _____
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5	Comments: _____

Written Recommendation (This is required.)

In 2005, the makers of Minute Maid and the Houston Astros announced The Grand Slam For Youth Baseball Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to greater Houston-area high school graduating seniors. It is our desire that these scholarships will also promote interest in baseball and softball and increase self-esteem. Consistent with your evaluation of the applicant's citizenship, emotional maturity, leadership, teamwork, and work ethic.

What makes applicant deserving of a Grand Slam for Youth Baseball Scholarship?

(Use another sheet if more space is needed)

I certify that the applicant named above is known to me and the evaluation is based on my personal knowledge and beliefs.

Name _____ Contact phone number _____
 Address _____
 Relationship to applicant _____ How long have you know applicant? _____
 Signed _____ Date _____



Submitting Scholarship Application Package

Your application package must include:

- One (1) completed application form along with any additional pages;
- Photocopy or other proof of admission and acceptance to a post-secondary college or university, including, but not limited to, a junior or community college, in the United States or a United States territory; and
- Two (2) sealed envelopes containing completed recommendation forms.
- Please make sure the email address you listed on your application is valid and one you check regularly. GSFYB will use that email address to communicate with Semi-finalists and Finalists, in some cases with time sensitive information needing immediate response.

Application package should be put in envelope and be addressed to:

**Grand Slam for Youth Baseball - Scholarship
c/o Astros In Action Foundation
Post Office Box 288
Houston, Texas 77001**

The completed application package may be mailed to the above address or hand delivered to the receptionist located in the Union Station lobby at Minute Maid Park. The entrance is on Crawford St. between Texas Avenue and Congress St.

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Probable Timeline

May 14 through May 31 – Application Processing and Committee Review

June 4 - Semi-finalists Notified via Email

**June 9, 11, 12 – Semi-finalist personal interview at Minute Maid Park
with the scholarship selection committee.**

June 14 – Scholarship Recipients Notified via Email

**June 23 – Scholarship Recipient Reception and Recognition On Field – Pre-game
Houston Astros hosting Cleveland Indians 6:05 pm game time**



Background

On June 5, 2002, the Houston Astros and the makers of Minute Maid announced that they had “expanded their relationship to create a long-term marketing and community partnership.” Among other things, the agreement called for the Astros Field to be rechristened Minute Maid Park; the continuation of the Minute Maid Squeeze Play interactive kids’ area at Minute Maid Park; and a commitment **“to support youth baseball programs in the Houston area.”** Out of that commitment to youth came **Grand Slam for Youth Baseball (“GSFYB”) a community partnership between Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation**

Grand Slam for Youth Baseball comprises the following four components:

Sponsorship of the City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department’s Youth Baseball Program

The 2012 season marks the tenth year Grand Slam for Youth Baseball has sponsored the City of Houston Parks & Recreation Department’s free youth baseball, softball and t-ball program for youth ages 4-18. GSFYB provides all t-shirts, caps, equipment and instruction for the program. More than 25,000 Houston-area boys and girls have benefited from this program.

Refurbishment of one youth ball field a year

Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation have pledged to refurbish one youth ball field each year by providing renovated field surfaces, fencing, covered dugouts, scoreboard or other needs. Employees of both organizations assist in the refurbishment efforts. In 2012, Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation are refurbishing the Billy Wiseman Jr. Memorial Field in Temple Texas.

Baseball-related educational programs

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Fund-raising opportunities for youth baseball/softball teams and leagues

Through GSFYB, Minute Maid and Astros In Action Foundation offer fund-raising opportunities to help qualified 501(c)(3) youth baseball/softball teams and leagues earn money for needed baseball/softball-related expenses. Since the program started, more than \$125,000 has been donated to Houston-area teams and leagues. Qualifying teams and leagues could earn a minimum of \$ 1,000 through a Minute Maid product grant. Applications for grants may be accessed on the gsfyb.com website home page.

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