

2023 Rick Gilbride Memorial High School Scholarship

Presented by the Saint James / Seton Athletic Association

Mission Statement: To reward Saint James / Seton 8th grade students who have demonstrated a commitment to athletics and sportsmanship through involvement in the Saint James Seton Athletic Association (“SJSAA”) or Saint James Elizabeth Ann Youth Soccer Club (“SJEAYSC”).

The SJSAA Scholarship Committee invites all graduating 8th grade students of Saint James Seton who have participated in SJSAA-sponsored and/or SJEAYSC-programs and will be entering an Omaha-area Catholic high school in the Fall of 2021 may apply for a one-time, non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$500. A total of two (2) scholarships will be awarded—one to a boy and one to a girl.

SJSAA- and SJEAYSC-sponsored sports include sports played at other Catholic grade schools when the sport is not offered at Saint James (e.g., soccer at Saint Bernard). It does not include select teams (e.g., United Soccer) or other clubs (e.g., Jr. Pride sports).

The award will be paid directly to the Omaha-area Catholic high school designated by the applicant, on behalf of the recipient of the award.

An applicant must be:

1. A student at Saint James Seton school
2. An eighth grader preparing to enter the freshman year of an Omaha-area Catholic high school
3. An active participant in athletic programs through the SJSAA or SJEAYSC.

Additional Criteria:

1. Using the application form provided, student applicants should provide the following:
 - Student name
 - Address
 - Contact information for parent/legal guardian
 - Current school
 - Parish
 - Intended Omaha-area Catholic high school for freshman year
 - Brief description of student’s involvement in each SJSAA- and SJEAYSC-sponsored sport
 - Well-thought-out, multi-sentence essays that should clearly be written by the student. Note that, while good grammar and punctuation are encouraged, these will not be used as evaluation criteria.
2. Completed applications should be emailed to SJSAAScholarship@gmail.com with the Subject “Scholarship Application – (Insert Student First and Last Name)”.
3. Deadline for application submission is **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2023.**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

To protect the integrity of the screening, selection, and evaluation process, please adhere to the following instructions.

1. The applicant’s name **SHOULD NOT** appear anywhere except on the first page of the application form.
2. The applicant **SHOULD NOT** include names of family members, other relatives, or close friends anywhere in the application materials.

Judging will be performed in a completely blind manner in which none of the judges are parents of eighth graders, and all identifiable information will be scrubbed from applicants’ essays. Coaches will evaluate players on a number of criteria at the end of each season, and school administrators will verify that finalists are considered to be in good academic standing (no grades lower than a C-).