



Holy Spirit CYO
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Catholic Youth Organization, Oakland Diocese

The Holy Spirit Catholic Youth Organization (HSCYO) Athletic Program will be awarding scholarships to two (2) student athletes. Each scholarship will be worth \$500. An application may be downloaded from the HSCYO website: holyspiritcyo.com. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female 8th grade graduating student athlete at the graduation ceremony held at the end of the school year. Eligibility is based on the HSCYO Guidelines which are explained below. The deadline for submitting your postmarked application is Friday, May 1, 2015.

*Thank you,
Holy Spirit CYO Board of Directors*

Holy Spirit CYO Scholarship Program

PURPOSE

The purpose of the HSCYO Scholarship is to recognize athletic achievement, promote leadership, good sportsmanship, encourage high school achievement among all athletes, and to assist with the cost of high school education. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one male student athlete and one female student athlete. In the event of a tie, the scholarship will be divided equally among the recipients.

ELIGIBILITY

Any graduating 8th grade student who has participated in Holy Spirit CYO for at least three full seasons (at least one of which must have been during that student's 8th grade year) will be eligible for this scholarship. The applicant does not need to be a student at Holy Spirit School. The applicant shall have been accepted (or have made application and is pending) to a recognized Catholic High School.

Athletic Participation: Applicant must be in good standing with Holy Spirit CYO and who has participated as an athlete in at least one sports program with HSCYO for a minimum of three full seasons. The applicant's record will be verified by the Athletic Directors and the HSCYO Board of Directors Selection Committee after submission of the application.

Good Sportsmanship: Applicant must exemplify and have demonstrated good sportsmanship, including attitude toward team members, coaches, equipment, officials, and spectators.

Financial Need: Financial need is not a consideration.

References: List three (3) references that can verify his/her CYO participation. Only one reference can be a family member.

Participation and Achievement form: 6th – 8th Grade Athletic Participation and Achievement form must be completed and submitted with application.

ESSAY

Each applicant is required to submit an essay using the following topic:

In what ways has your participation in CYO helped you practice your faith?

Essay Requirements:

- Essay must be 500 words or less
- Essay must be typed in a MS Word document with 1" margins.
- Times New Romans or Cambria 12-point font.
- Include a title page for your essay with the following information:
 - Essay Title
 - Applicant Name
 - Applicant contact information
- Number each page. Use a header that includes the essay title and your name on each page.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicant must complete and mail the application, essay and *Participation & Achievement* form to the address below. All entries must be postmarked on or before Friday, May 1, 2015.

**Holy Spirit CYO
Scholarship Program**
37588 Fremont Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94536

Payment of Scholarship

A one-time payment will be made to the registrar of the recipient's high school at the beginning of the school year and only after verification of enrollment by the high school.

Selection Committee

Holy Spirit CYO Board members will serve as the "Selection Committee." Coaches or faculty members of HSCYO and Holy Spirit School may be consulted for information regarding individual applicants; they will NOT, however, have any vote in the selection process. HSCYO Board members who are a parent, step-parent, guardian, of a graduating student-athlete may NOT participate on the Scholarship Selection Committee, and a replacement may be appointed.

Deadline

Applications must be mailed and postmarked on or before **Friday, May 1, 2015**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.