

Texas Weightlifting Scholarship

Amount: \$500 - \$5,000

Eligibility: Texas High School Seniors With Required Participation

Deadline: December 1

Award Announced: January of Following Year

Texas Weightlifting has developed a scholarship to help support lifters that have set examples and actively participated in the sport of weightlifting in the state of Texas.

Procedure

Earn Qualification Points

An athlete must be a graduating senior and have a minimum of 25 qualification points by the application deadline to be eligible for the scholarship. Qualification points are earned on the below scale:

- Athletes will receive 1 qualification point
 - Any local USA Weightlifting sanctioned meet in Texas
 - American Open Series* (AO Series)
- Athletes will receive 2 qualification points
 - Texas State Weightlifting Championships
- Athletes will receive 3 qualification points
 - Any USA Weightlifting National Championship*
 - USA Weightlifting American Open* (Excluding AO Series)
- Athletes will receive 4 qualification points
 - Any IWF Silver or Bronze event where USA Weightlifting does not fund a team to travel*
- Athletes will receive 5 qualification points
 - Any Olympics
 - Any IWF Gold event
 - Any IWF Silver or Bronze event where USA Weightlifting funds a team to travel*
- Volunteerism
 - Athletes will receive 1 point if they volunteer at an event where they do NOT participate as a lifter
 - Athletes will receive .5 points if they volunteer at an event where they participate as a lifter
 - Points used for volunteerism only be used to help the athlete attain 31 points (making the athlete eligible for a maximum scholarship of \$1,000)

* Athlete must accumulate 10 qualification points from participating in USA Weightlifting sanction events in Texas and the Texas State Weightlifting Championships to earn points

Examples:

- Lifter A participates 10 local events (10pts), 5 state meets (10pts), and 3 national events (9pts).
- Lifter B participates in 1 local event (1pts), 5 national events (15pts), and 2 IWF Gold events (10pts).
- Lifter A would be eligible with 29 points. Lifter B would only have 1 point and would not be eligible. Lifter B did not get credit for any national or international events since they only participated in 1 local event in Texas.

Volunteer Examples:

Note that all prior qualifications must be met.

- Lifter A has 5 volunteer points and 30 meet points; Lifter A will be credited with 31 points
- Lifter B has 5 volunteer hours and 46 meet points; Lifter B will be credited with 46 points

Application

Below is the application process

- Athlete fills out the Texas Weightlifting Scholarship Athlete Application and returns by the deadline
- Athlete requests a minimum of two individuals to fill out the Texas Weightlifting Scholarship Recommendation form and returns by the deadline
- Athlete requests a minimum of one parent/guardian to fill out the Texas Weightlifting Scholarship Recommendation form and returns by the deadline

Review

A scholarship review committee will review and rank each applicant based on the responses from the applicant and recommenders. The committee will give precedent to answers over participation points. The committee would like to see how the sport of weightlifting has

- Positively affected the athlete's life and those around them
- Allowed the athlete to affect the lives of others
- Motivated the athlete to pursue the sport

Awarding The Scholarship

There are multiple points to consider prior to awarding the scholarship.

Scholarship Budget

The Texas Weightlifting LWC Board will determine the budget for the scholarship.

Tiered Award Payouts

Below is the maximum scholarship payout based on points:

- 25-30 Points Up To \$500
- 31-50 Points Up To \$1,000
- 51-70 Points Up To \$2,500
- 71+ Points Up To \$5,000

Applicant Ranking

We will award a scholarship to the top ranked applicant. Then, if there is still award funds remaining, we will award another scholarship. This process will be repeated until all scholarship funds have been exhausted or all applicants have received an award.

Examples:

Assumptions

A budget of \$5,000 has been approved

Athlete A has 71 points (enough for \$5,000)

Athlete B has 30 points (enough for \$500)

Scenario 1

Both Athlete A and Athlete B apply

Committee ranks Athlete A first and Athlete B second.

Result: Athlete A receives \$5,000 scholarship and athlete B receives \$0

Scenario 2

Both Athlete A and Athlete B apply

Committee ranks Athlete B first and Athlete A second

Result: Athlete B receives \$500 and Athlete A receives \$4,500

Scenario 3

Only Athlete B applies

Committee recommends Athlete B

Result: Athlete B receives \$500

Scenario 4

Only Athlete B applies

Committee does not recommend Athlete B

Result: No Award Given

Scenario 5

No athlete applies

Result: No Award Given