



2021 Arizona Breaking Barriers Student Athlete Scholarship Guidelines

Desert Financial Foundation and the Arizona Cardinals are partnering to provide The Arizona Breaking Barriers Student Athlete Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes graduating Arizona high school seniors who are breaking barriers on and off the field. A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded.

Scholarship Requirements

- Graduating high school senior (spring of 2022)
- Current athlete in an organized sporting team (ex.: with a high school, local public or private club, recreational league, or other formal organizations)
- 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA
- Plan to attend an Arizona college or university
- Provide current unofficial high school transcript

Nomination Process

Eligible high school seniors can nominate themselves or be nominated on their behalf for this scholarship. Please be prepared to describe in detail why this student athlete is qualified and has demonstrated resiliency in the face of barriers.

Before you start the nomination, there are a few things you should know. First, the nomination does not save and allow you to come back later to complete. You will need to have all of student athlete's information ready before you start so you can complete the process in one sitting. Second, if the student athlete is selected to move on in the selection process, they will be sent an email asking for additional information. This will include a request for a copy of their current unofficial high school transcript and for confirmation they would like to be considered for the scholarship. Finally, please review the checklist below before starting the nomination.

Nomination Checklist

*The following is a list of items you should gather or know **before starting the nomination.***

General:

- Contact information for the student athlete, including email and phone number
- High school of the student athlete

- Cumulative weighted GPA of the student athlete
- Current sport(s) and related organization(s) that the student athlete plays for
- Intended Arizona college(s) of the student athlete

Important Reminders

Please gather all the information needed before starting the online nomination – partial applications cannot be saved.

Applications must be submitted by **November 1, 2021**.