



Bow Falcon's Booster Club Scholarship Requirements

**Complete and Print the Scholarship Application and submit to Martha Rae at BHS Guidance Department by May 11, 2012.**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- I. Participation in at least one varsity sport during Senior Year; and
- II. Completed application form; and
- III. Complete an essay in 750 words or less on one of the optional topics.
- IV. Applicant has never received a Suspension from participation in the Athletic Program due to a violation of the Behavioral Expectations as listed in the Bow High School Athletic Handbook.

**ESSAYS: (Complete an essay on an optional topic as listed on the application)**

Bow Falcon Booster Club  
Scholarship Criteria

1. **Completeness, Appearance and Timeliness of Application:**

These are factors which will be considered. They reflect a student's effort and ability to follow direction. Honesty and candor in the information provided to the Committee is very important. The Essay is a very important component as it provides the greatest insight into a student/athlete. Correct punctuation, grammar and spelling are very important. Students are encouraged to demonstrate a degree of creativity in their essay. Please see attached rubric at end of this document.

2. **Financial Need:**

The financial need of an applicant shall be considered if there are more applications than available scholarships. An applicant's failure to satisfy all other criteria is not overcome merely by financial need.

3. **Academic Performance:**

Each applicant shall be required to furnish one recommendation from a teacher who has had the applicant in class. Academic Performance, as reflected in an applicant's GPA and academic performance, shall be

considered over SAT scores. There is no “per se” minimum grade point average.

4. **Participation in Athletic Program:**

The participation of an applicant in the Bow High School Athletic Program should reflect that a student/athlete makes a contribution to the program and benefits from it. **Participation in a varsity sport is a requirement.** It is strongly recommended that each applicant furnish a reference from a coach, however a BEST Teacher will suffice.

**Each applicant must indicate if they have received a suspension because they were disciplined for violation of Bow High School’s Rules.** A suspension will result in disqualification for consideration for this scholarship.

All of these criteria are generally considered equally. Any extra emphasis will be on the essay, references and Athletic Program participation.

All applications must be submitted complete in all respects and filed by the deadline or they will not be considered. If you are unable to complete the application electronically, please print the application and attach all required information.

### **How We Select the Winning Essays**

Your essay will be assigned 1 to 5 points for each of the following *four* criteria. A perfect essay would score 20 points.

- 1) A clearly stated topic sentence/introduction paragraph that grabs the reader’s attention and sets up the focus of your essay.
- 2) Body paragraph(s) that support your topic with *specific* and *detailed* examples, evidence, or credible sources.
- 3) Writing Quality:
  - Displays originality, conviction and sincerity. Topic and writing engage the reader from beginning to end.
  - Is well organized and focused.
  - Uses varied and accurate vocabulary.

- Demonstrates variety in sentence structure, correct grammar, and smooth transition between ideas.
  - Employs *active* voice, action verbs, and *consistency* in tense – either past or present.
  - Contains NO spelling errors or typos.
- 4) Conclusion – Sums up your main point(s) and offers a final perspective to the reader.

### **A Final Checklist**

Before you hit “SEND” ...

\*Did *both* you and your parents sign your application?

\*Did you spell check your essay more than once?

\*Did you spell check every time you made edits or revisions? Typos often occur when you make that “one final edit” and forget to spell check one last time.

\*Did you proof your essay for contextual spelling errors that spell check won't catch? For example, if you meant to write the word “to” but instead you typed the word, “too”?

\*Did you ask at least two people to proof read your essay?