



**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
BILL FORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
2019-2020**

The CYO Scholarship Committee is requesting applications and will award three \$1000 scholarships in May 2020 to three current eighth grade CYO players. The “Bill Ford CYO Scholarship Awards” are awarded each spring.

The scholarships are awarded to aid the athletes in continuing education in high school. Both Catholic school and public school students are encouraged to apply. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a current student in a Catholic Elementary School who will be attending a Catholic High School next fall. The scholarships are funded by an anonymous donor, to be named in honor of Bill Ford, longtime CYO director.

The scholarships are not awarded on the basis of skill in sports, but on the candidate’s participation in CYO, in understanding of good sportsmanship and by exhibiting the Gospel values that are the essence of CYO participation.

Applications are due to the CYO office no later than Monday, May 18, 2020.

HOW TO APPLY (TIMELINE):

- The scholarship is open to any Oakland Diocese CYO player who played a CYO sport in the 2019–2020 season and who is currently enrolled in the 8th grade.
- The player should complete this four-page application form. The application includes an essay on the impact that the CYO program has had on the applicant, the player’s history in CYO and other activities, a recommendation by a significant adult in the player’s life, and approval to apply by the parents and a parish/Catholic school representative.
- Return the completed application to the CYO Office, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612 by **Monday, May 18, 2020**. Applications received after May 18, 2020 will not be considered. (CYO will not be responsible for applications lost in the mail or email.) All applications must be complete and all supporting documents must be submitted *at the same time and by the deadline* to be accepted.
- The scholarship committee will screen applications. The committee then will invite selected applicants for a brief interview, in person or online. The interviews will be conducted on one evening in May. The applicant must attend the scheduled interview to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded from those interviewed.
- At least one scholarship will be awarded to a player who is attending a Catholic elementary school and will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall. Other scholarships may be awarded to non-Catholic school students.
- If you have any questions, contact the CYO office at 510-893-5154 or email Grace House at ghouse@oakdiocese.org.
- **Please read the next page for modifications due to Coronavirus Restrictions. The following may change or modify the above information:**

Due to Coronavirus Restrictions, the following modifications will be in effect:

Delivery of Applications: Completed applications must be received either by email, regular (USPS) mail, another mail service, or by fax. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. Email to: ghouse@oakdiocese.org. Mailing address is: CYO Scholarship Application, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland CA 94612. Fax number is 510-834-5498.

Award Process: Due to the uncertainty of the continuing shelter-in-place and social distancing restrictions, in-person interviews may not be possible. The CYO Office and the Scholarship Committee reserve the right to award the scholarships solely on the basis of the applications without interviews, may elect to interview through online means or request additional information from the finalists in lieu of interviews.

Eligibility to Apply: Applicants are eligible if they currently enrolled in the eighth grade and played in an Oakland Diocese CYO sport. In the case of participation in a suspended sport (2020 CYO Track and Field, 2020 Girls' CYO Basketball or 2020 Boys' CYO Sand Volleyball) the applicant must have enrolled on a team with the intention of playing that sport.

Flexibility: Due to the changing nature of the Coronavirus emergency, CYO and the Scholarship Committee may review and change or modify the above exceptions, with or without notice.

Note that this is a "fillable" pdf form. It may be completed in Adobe Acrobat. Once completed, be sure to save it, renaming the document with the player's name.

2019-2020 BILL FORD CYO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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• THE PLAYER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

PARISH/CITY _____ SCHOOL _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____ @ _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME (S) _____

- I give my permission for my child to apply and to interview for the Bill Ford Scholarship

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

- I apply for the Bill Ford Scholarship. I attest that all of the information that I have given on this application and will give in the interview is accurate.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

- I attest that this applicant exhibits the high standards of CYO sportsmanship, both on and off the court, and I recommend this applicant for the scholarship.

Signature of Parish Official _____ Date _____
(CYO athletic director, principal, pastor/administrator or parish staff member)

• CYO SPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

LIST THE CYO SPORTS AND THE YEARS IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED:

DESCRIBE OTHER SPORTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ARE INVOLVED:

- **CANDIDATE'S ESSAY**

IN A PARAGRAPH OR TWO, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A CYO PLAYER. FEEL FREE TO INCLUDE YOUR THOUGHTS ON YOUR ATHLETIC ABILITIES, SPORTSMANSHIP, THE EFFECTS OF YOUR CYO PARTICIPATION AS A STUDENT IN YOUR SCHOOL, ON YOUR DAILY LIFE AND ON YOUR FAITH. ENJOY RELIVING YOUR CYO EXPERIENCES!

• CANDIDATE'S REFERENCE

INCLUDE A BRIEF STATEMENT FROM AN ADULT (OTHER THAN YOUR PARENT) WHO IS FAMILIER WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CYO. IT CAN BE FROM YOUR COACH, TEACHER, PRINCIPAL, PASTOR OR ANY ADULT MENTOR. THIS PERSON SHOULD DESCRIBE YOUR CYO PARTICIPATION AND WHY SHE OR HE WOULD RECOMMEND YOU FOR THE AWARD:

SIGNATURE:

RELATIONSHIP TO ATHLETE:
