

NORC Scholarship Committee – Purpose and Procedures

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1. Purpose

The Scholarship Committee exists to ensure that financial limitations do not prevent Masters or Junior members from participating fully in the New Orleans Rowing Club. Scholarships are intended to defray the costs associated with rowing by covering up to 75% of eligible expenses, including membership dues, regatta entry fees, and regatta travel expenses.

Awards are limited as follows:

- **Junior Rowers:** Maximum of \$1,000 for fall and spring seasons and \$350 for winter season.
- **Regular Masters Rowers:** Maximum of \$400 per calendar year.
- **Competition Team Masters Rowers:** Maximum of \$900 per calendar year.

Rowers may apply for assistance **per season or for the full year**.

2. Committee Composition

- The committee shall consist of one (1) Masters Representative and one (1) Juniors Representative.
- Committee members may not be current Board members, coaches, or staff members.
- Coaches may advocate for applicants by providing recommendations but may not participate in award decisions.

3. Eligibility to Apply

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a current Masters or Junior member in good standing with NORC or registering for the current rowing season pending scholarship notification.
2. Have no outstanding balance for past dues or fees.
3. Be able to meet attendance requirements for their membership category.

4. Selection Criteria

Eligible applicants will be considered based on:

1. **Application Form-** Applicant completes the Scholarship Application Form with basic personal information (no financial documentation required).
2. **Statement of Need** – Applicant provides a brief explanation (less than 500 words) of their situation and how a scholarship will help them participate fully.
3. **Coach Recommendation** – A written recommendation from the applicant's coach.
4. **Attendance Commitment –**
 - **Masters:** Commitment to a minimum average of 3 practices per month and volunteering to one all-day regatta per year.
 - **Juniors:** Commitment to meeting attendance standards for their designated team level (Development, JV, or Varsity).

5. Application Process

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but must be submitted within two weeks of the start of each season.

1. Applicant completes and submits the Scholarship Application Form.
2. A Coach submits a written recommendation directly to the Scholarship Committee.
3. The Scholarship Committee reviews applications against eligibility and selection criteria.

4. The Committee determines award amounts within approved limits. Awards are applied as credits toward eligible expenses.

6. Confidentiality

All application materials and discussions by the Scholarship Committee are strictly confidential.