



## 2024 Arizona Breaking Barriers Student Athlete Scholarship Guidelines

The Arizona Breaking Barriers Student Athlete Scholarship recognizes graduating Arizona high school seniors who are breaking barriers on and off the field. A total of 15 scholarships will be awarded.

### Scholarship Requirements

- Graduating high school senior (spring of 2025)
- 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
- Membership with Desert Financial Credit Union is not required
- Demonstrated financial need

### 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 process does not allow you to save your progress and come back later to complete. You will need to have all of the student athlete's information ready prior to starting so you can complete the entire process in one sitting. Second, if the student athlete is selected to move forward in the selection process, they will receive an email from [foundation@desertfinancial.com](mailto:foundation@desertfinancial.com) requesting additional information, including a copy of their current unofficial transcripts, unless otherwise asked via the application. Depending on their nomination status, they may also be asked to confirm that they would like to be considered for the scholarship. Finally, please review the checklist below before starting the nomination process.

## **Nomination Checklist**

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

### **If nominating on behalf of a student athlete:**

- Contact information for the student athlete, including email, residential address, phone number, and birthday.
- 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 with
- Intended Arizona college(s) of the student athlete and whether they intend to continue to play sports in college.

### **If nominating yourself as a student athlete:**

- Contact information for the student athlete, including email, residential address, phone number, and birthday.
- High school of the student athlete
- Cumulative weighted GPA of the student athlete as well as a recent unofficial transcript
- Combined household income to define financial need.
- Current sport(s) and related organization(s) that the student athlete plays with
- Intended Arizona college(s) of the student athlete and whether they intend to continue to play sports in college.

## **Important Reminders**

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

Applications must be submitted by **November 14, 2024.**