

**MID-AMERICA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
(NATA DISTRICT V)
2021 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**



PROFESSIONAL (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE) AND POST-PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Professional (Undergraduate and Graduate) and Post-Professional Scholarship Award programs were created by the Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association to support the student membership of the District.
2. Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000.00 and are provided for one year only. Past recipients will not be eligible for another scholarship in the same category (Professional or Post-Professional).
3. Applicant **must** be a member of the NATA.
4. Applicant **must** be a member of the District V.
5. Applications are available on the MAATA website (www.maataad5.org).
6. Applications are made available from October 19th to January 29th. The deadline for applications to be received in full is **January 29, 2020**.
7. The online application must be submitted by the deadline. All supporting documents must be uploaded with the application (resume, unofficial transcript). All letters of recommendation must be received by the Scholarship Chair (information provided at the end of this file) by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
8. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the MAATA Annual Meeting held in March each year. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the meeting and banquet. Scholarship recipients will receive **one** complimentary registration to the meeting, **one** complimentary ticket to the Hall of Fame Banquet, and **one** night of accommodations at the host hotel (if requested).
9. Any questions about the MAATA Scholarship program should be addressed to the Scholarship Chair (information provided at the end of this file).

APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Complete applications will be reviewed by the members of the Scholarship Committee, and scored using a standard rubric. Scores will be compiled by the Scholarship Chair, and the applications will be ranked. The top ranked applicants will be re-reviewed by the entire committee and if approved, will be selected a scholarship recipients.
2. The recipients of the awards will be scored on the following criteria:
 - a. Academic achievement (Overall GPA, Major GPA, awards and scholarships, research, recommendation letters)

- b. Clinical skill and performance (Clinical hours, recommendation letters)
- c. Professional/athletic training service (participation in program or university organizations related to AT, professional memberships, leadership positions, meeting attendance, clinical experiences)
- d. Community/external service (participation in university, community or other groups not related to AT, associated leadership roles, awards)
- e. Character traits (letters of recommendation)
- f. Other areas deemed important by the Scholarship Committee

SPECIFIC CRITERIA – PROFESSIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD:

1. The following represent minimum criteria to be considered for a Professional Undergraduate Scholarship Award:
 - a. Enrolled in a CAATE-accredited professional athletic training program, located geographically within MAATA.
 - b. Junior or Senior standing at the time of application.
 - c. One academic year of accrued clinical hours as an undergraduate athletic training student.
 - d. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - e. Major GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - f. Current student membership in MAATA and NATA
 - g. Sponsorship by an Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the MAATA and NATA. Each Athletic Trainer may sponsor no more than **ONE** applicant at the Professional Undergraduate level each year.
2. The following information and items must be submitted with the online application:
 - a. Complete all required information on application
 - b. Answers to supplemental questions on application
 - c. Professional resume (2-page maximum)
 - d. Copy of unofficial transcript
3. Letters of recommendation must be mailed or emailed directly to the Scholarship Chair. Mailed letters should be signed across the seal of the mailing envelope. Emailed letters must come from the confirmed email of the individual writing the letter.
 - a. **ONE** letter of recommendation must come from a professor, program director, clinical education coordinator, department head, or academic advisor.

- b. The **SECOND** letter of recommendation must come from a preceptor, team physician, or other healthcare professional who is familiar with the clinical performance of the applicant.
 - c. The **THIRD** letter may come from any other individual the applicant chooses, including professors or preceptors.
 - d. The sponsoring athletic trainer must provide one of the above letters of recommendation.
4. It must be the intent of the applicant for this award that he or she pursues the profession of athletic training or related field as a means of livelihood.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA – PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. The following represent minimum criteria to be considered for a Professional Graduate Scholarship Award:
 - a. Enrolled in a CAATE-accredited professional athletic training program, located geographically within MAATA.
 - b. Current enrollment in a professional masters' program at the time of application.
 - c. Sufficient experience to merit consideration in a professional master's program.
 - d. Must have completed a minimum of two academic semesters.
 - e. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - f. Major GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - g. Current student membership in MAATA and NATA
 - h. Sponsorship by an Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the MAATA and NATA. Each Athletic Trainer may sponsor no more than **ONE** applicant at the Professional Graduate level each year.
2. The following information and items must be submitted with the online application:
 - a. A. complete all required information on application
 - b. Answers to supplemental questions on application
 - c. Professional resume (2-page maximum)
 - d. Copy of unofficial transcript
3. Letters of recommendation must be mailed or emailed directly to the Scholarship Chair. Mailed letters should be signed across the seal of the mailing envelope. Emailed letters must come from the confirmed email of the individual writing the letter.
 - a. **ONE** letter of recommendation must come from a professor, program director, clinical education coordinator, department head, or academic advisor.

- b. The **SECOND** letter of recommendation must come from a preceptor, team physician, or other healthcare professional who is familiar with the clinical performance of the applicant.
 - c. The **THIRD** letter may come from any other individual the applicant chooses, including professors or preceptors.
 - d. The sponsoring athletic trainer must provide one of the above letters of recommendation.
4. It must be the intent of the applicant for this award that he or she pursues the profession of athletic training or related field as a means of livelihood.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA – POST-PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. The following represent minimum criteria to be considered for a Post-Professional Scholarship Award:
 - a. Currently a BOC certified and state credentialed athletic;
 - b. Currently enrolled (and completed a minimum of one semester) in a graduate-level degree program (masters, doctoral, or professional of any area of study);
 - c. Currently not enrolled in a CAATE Professional program;
 - d. Current cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - e. Current major/program GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - f. Current membership in MAATA and NATA
 - g. Sponsorship by an Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the MAATA and NATA. Each Athletic Trainer may sponsor no more than **ONE** applicant at the Post-Professional level each year.
2. The following information and items must be submitted with the online application:
 - a. Complete all required information on application
 - b. Answers to supplemental questions on application
 - c. Professional resume (2-page maximum)
 - d. Copy of unofficial transcript
3. Letters of recommendation must be mailed or emailed directly to the Scholarship Chair. Mailed letters should be signed across the seal of the mailing envelope. Emailed letters must come from the confirmed email of the individual writing the letter.
 - a. **ONE** letter of recommendation must come from a professor, program director, clinical education coordinator, department head, or academic advisor.

- b. The **SECOND** letter of recommendation must come from a colleague, preceptor, team physician, or other healthcare professional who is familiar with the clinical performance of the applicant.
 - c. The **THIRD** letter may come from any other individual the applicant chooses, including professors or healthcare providers.
 - d. The sponsoring athletic trainer must provide one of the above letters of recommendation.
4. It must be the intent of the applicant for this scholarship that he or she pursues the profession of athletic training or related field as a means of livelihood.

AWARD RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Award recipient will be notified of their award no later than February 19th. Recipients must either accept or decline their award within one week of notification.
2. Award recipients must submit the following items to verify their continued eligibility for the scholarship program. Items must be submitted by the deadline provided by the Scholarship Chair:
 - a. Signed enrollment verification form
3. Funds will be released to recipients at the MAATA Hall of Fame Dinner.

*An athletic trainer may sponsor only **ONE** candidate per category

EMAIL for materials: scholarships@maatad5.org

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