

# **Just Boxing Foundation, Inc.**

## **Board of Directors Guidelines to Awarding BoxingEdu Scholarships**

### **PURPOSE**

Established in 2019, Just Boxing Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting and empowering future generations of boxers. With continued focus on its mission, Just Boxing Foundation created the BoxingEdu Scholarship to aid boxers actively pursuing higher education through a public college or university. Recipients of this scholarship can use scholarship funds for expenses related to education, and/or boxing training and competition. Examples of qualifying expenses are:

Tuition and fees  
Books and supplies  
Living costs  
Computers and software  
Boxing equipment  
Boxing gym dues  
Boxing training fees  
Competition travel and expenses

Just Boxing Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Just Boxing Foundation welcomes diversity and encourages all eligible applicants to apply regardless of race, religion, or gender.

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older at the time of application submission
- Applicant must be attending, or planning to attend within one year, a public college or university whose head campus is located within the state of California
- Applicant must have experience in the field of boxing in one of the following ways:
  - An amateur boxer with competition experience in one or more sanctioned bouts
  - A professional boxer with competition experience in one or more sanctioned bouts
  - A student who has earned credit for completing a boxing course at a college or university
  - A student who is actively enrolled in a boxing course at a college or university
  - A student who is actively a member of a boxing club program at a college or university

Scholarship applicants may be asked to provide additional information to support their eligibility, including but not limited to: USA Boxing Membership Card, BoxRec ID #, unofficial transcript, and other supporting documentation.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Each applicant must submit a completed Scholarship Application
- Each applicant must submit a Scholarship Essay of 500 to 1,000 words describing the most valuable lessons they have learned through boxing, and other ways boxing has positively impacted their life
- Applicants are encouraged to submit any documentation that supports their qualification for the BoxingEdu Scholarship
- Applications received on or before 9/15/2022 will be evaluated as part of the current scholarship review cycle – future scholarships offered by Just Boxing Foundation will require a separate application
- Applicants who have previously applied for or been awarded grants or scholarships by Just Boxing Foundation for past programs may still apply for the current scholarship review period, provided that the applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements herein
- Applications that fail to meet the requirements or are incomplete will not be reviewed
- Providing false or misleading information in the Scholarship Application, Scholarship Essay, and/or supporting documentation may disqualify an applicant from consideration for the BoxingEdu Scholarship and future scholarships offered by Just Boxing Foundation

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

The Scholarship Application, Scholarship Essay, and the appropriate supporting documentation should be emailed to [theteam@justboxing.org](mailto:theteam@justboxing.org).

The deadline for applying is September 15, 2022.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

All applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Recipients are selected after extensive review of their Scholarship Application, Scholarship Essay, supporting documentation, reference checks, and inspections. BoxingEdu Scholarship recipients are chosen according to the eligibility and application requirements, as well as the academic merit of the applicant, and their involvement in boxing and the boxing community. The scholarship(s) awarded each term are dependent on the availability of funds, and are subject to approval from the Board of Directors.

## **APPROVAL PROCESS**

Scholarship approval is based on the above guidelines, and is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All scholarships must be approved by a majority vote from the Board of Directors. The current scholarship review cycle will end no later than 10/15/2022. At the end of the scholarship review cycle, each applicant will receive an email letting them know if they have been selected for an award. The awarded dollar amount for each 2022 BoxingEdu Scholarship given will be \$1,200 (USD).

***Recusal.*** A Board Member, Director, or Committee member may not participate in the consideration or decision of any matter relating to a particular applicant if such Board Member, Director, or Committee member has a personal or professional relationship with the applicant. In any such case, the Board Member, Director, or Committee member shall recuse themselves. If any Board Member, Director, or Committee member is recused from consideration of a matter, any decision on the matter shall be by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or applicable Committee.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Scholarship awards do not need to be repaid. Scholarship checks should be cashed/deposited as soon as possible as checks will become void 6 months after issuance.

In the event that the recipient is being awarded the scholarship for a past expense, the recipient must provide documentation of the past expense at the request of the Scholarship Selection Committee in advance of being awarded the scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee will inform the applicant if additional documentation is needed.

In the event that the recipient is being awarded the scholarship for a future expense, the recipient must provide proof that they used the scholarship for the intended purpose at the request of the Scholarship Review Committee.