



**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION
2021 BILL FORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The CYO Scholarship Committee is inviting applications and will award three \$1000 scholarships in May 2021 to three current eighth grade students, who participated in CYO Sports as seventh grade CYO players during the 2019-2020 school year.

Applications are due to the CYO office no later than Monday, May 3, 2021.

The scholarships are awarded to aid the selected 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. An anonymous donor funds the scholarships, to be named in honor of longtime CYO Director Bill Ford.

The scholarships are awarded based on the candidate's active participation in CYO, in understanding the importance of good sportsmanship and by exhibiting the Gospel values that are the essence of CYO participation. Skill in sports is not considered.

- **Eligibility to Apply:** The scholarship is open to any Oakland Diocese CYO player who played a CYO sport in the 2019–2020 season as a 7th grader and who is currently enrolled in the 8th grade. (Enrollment in 2020 CYO Track or Girls' Basketball counts as participation.)
- **Complete the Application:** 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 player's parents and a parish/Catholic school representative.
- **Return the Completed Application:** Applications must be complete when submitted, in one document. Applications may be **sent by mail** to: Oakland Diocese CYO Scholarship, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland CA 94612 **OR** Applications may be **emailed** in one, complete PDF document to bford@oakdiocese.org. Do not password the document. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.
- **Deadline to Receive Applications:** The Oakland Diocese CYO Office must receive completed applications by **Monday, May 3, 2021**. Applications received after May 3, 2021 or incomplete applications will not be considered. CYO will not be responsible for applications lost in the mail or email.
- **Selection Process:** The scholarship committee will screen applications. The committee will then invite selected applicants for a brief interview, in person or via Zoom. The interviews will be conducted on one evening in May. The applicant must attend the assigned, scheduled interview to be considered. The scholarships will be awarded from those interviewed.
- **Questions?** If you have any questions, contact the CYO office at 510-628-2187 or email Bill Ford at bford@oakdiocese.org.
- **Flexibility:** Due to the changing nature of the pandemic, CYO and the Scholarship Committee may revise, change or modify the above requirements, with or without notice.

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All applications must be complete ³ with all supporting documents ^a must be [®] ^{op} [¥] ⁱ [¥] at the same time and by the deadline of Monday, May , 202 to be accepted.

• 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:

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- **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:
