



NATA Foundation

Supporting and Advancing the Athletic Training Profession through Research and Education

Scholarship Process FAQ's

How much money is awarded for each scholarship? \$2,300

I won an NATA Scholarship. Do I have to be enrolled in classes to receive my money?

Yes, the selected applicant **MUST** provide proof of enrollment in an appropriate entry level undergraduate, entry level master's, master's or doctoral program for the 2016-2017 academic year before a check will be issued:

1. Proof of enrollment forms will be emailed to winners with instructions of how to process and return to NATA Foundation office.
2. Proof of enrollment can come from a variety of university sources, but must be official documentation. The recipient is expected to remain enrolled as a full time student in that program.

Note: An exception may be granted if the recipient is assigned to active military service or due to other extenuating circumstances acceptable to the NATA Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Can I apply for multiple scholarships throughout my years of education?

Yes, as you progress through your academic career in athletic training or an allied health profession (maintaining NATA membership and involvement) you may apply for the different levels of scholarships, but may receive only one for each level.

Who is qualified to act as an Institutional Representative and what does s/he need to do?

This individual verifies enrollment in appropriate program based on category of scholarship chosen **and** must also be able to verify your reported GPA. Therefore, s/he will need access to your transcripts with grades assigned. Acceptable Institutional Representatives:

- For Entry Level Undergraduate – Program Director, Clinical Education Coordinator, Department Chair
- For Professional Master's (Entry Level Master's) – Program Director, Clinical Education Coordinator, or Department Chair
- For Post Professional Master's or Doctoral – Academic Advisor, Department Chair or Thesis/Dissertation Chair.

Who is qualified to act as my Nominating Certified Athletic Trainer and what does s/he need to do?

This individual is a BOC certified athletic trainer, who is an NATA member in good standing, and who can attest to the applicant's skills, abilities and scholarly activities as they relate to the applicant. We encourage you to pick someone who will be able to assess you relative to your peers and past scholarship winners. S/he has agreed to write you a letter of support for your application. ***This letter is very important and should be well written and reflective of how the applicant is qualified to win an NATA Foundation scholarship. It is this letter that provides the reviewers with the most insight on the potential development and leadership the scholarship applicant possesses.***

What short answer questions are on the scholarship application?

- Question 1: Identify and describe your most meaningful athletic training experience (classroom, clinical assignment, job, or research lab) and how it has influenced your future career goals.
- Question 2: Describe a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart and makes you a good candidate for an NATA Foundation Scholarship.
- Question 3: Explain a situation where you served as a leader during: a group project, an organized work project or activity, or a community service project. Explain in detail your role and how individuals responded to your leadership.
- Question 4: In your opinion, what is one of the most important issues facing athletic trainers in today's healthcare community and what role do you hope to play in addressing this issue?
- Question 5: If you were chosen to receive an NATA Foundation scholarship, how would you use the award (Please be specific to your academic program and further development as an Athletic Trainer)?

Should I have someone review my application material?

Yes, this is very important. Type your answers to the short answer questions and proof read them for clarity and grammatical correctness. Short answer essays should be organized, well thought out, and purposeful.

When do I need to have my personal information completed and my Institutional Representative and Nominating Certified Athletic Trainer information completed?

The firm deadline is January 22, 2016. After January 22, 2016, we will no longer accept this information.

When do I need to submit all parts of the scholarship application and ensure that my Institutional Representative and Nominating Certified Athletic Trainer have sent their forms/letters? By February 8, 2016.

Do I need to send in my transcripts to the NATA office?

No, but we recommend you have transcripts delivered to your Institutional Representative, as this individual will need them to calculate your GPA.

What if my University does not give letter grades or GPA values?

Please have your Institutional Representative complete Institutional Representative form indicating your **overall** performance in your coursework relative to the grading scale used at your University (i.e, clear excellence). In the GPA section please type ***No value.***

Do I have to attend the NATA convention to receive an awarded scholarship?

No, but you are encouraged to attend so members and Foundation donors can congratulate you on your accomplishment. Networking with board members, keynote speakers, and other scholarship winners allows growth as a professional.

Who do I call or email if I have questions about the scholarship application?

Contact Angela De Leon at scholarships@nata.org