

## **CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship Guidelines**

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### **QUALIFICATIONS/BACKGROUND**

The CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship is designed to provide scholarships for graduating Deer Park H.S. seniors who have participated in cheerleading for Deer Park High School.

The scholarship is available to those qualifying graduate entering college the first year following their spring high school graduation.

### **CONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

In order for the student to be considered as a candidate for receipt of the CHEERS Scholarship the following must be done:

1. You must have been a cheerleader for at least one full year and graduated from D.P.H.S.
2. You must turn in a completed application to the designated counselor responsible for scholarships at D.P.H.S. South Campus before the first Monday in March. There will be NO exceptions to this date.
3. The application must be completed in the student's own handwriting and no part left uncompleted.  
**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. Accompanying the application submitted by the student must be the following:
  - a) Conditions of Acceptance signed by the parents or guardians of the student.
  - b) DPISD will provide an official high school transcript for each applicant showing Grade Point Average and Class Rank.

### **ACCEPTANCE AND USE:**

Students qualifying to receive a CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship must claim their scholarship no later than the first Monday of March of the year following their high school graduation. Any student who does not accept the scholarship prior to the first Monday of March of the year following their graduation forfeits their right to said scholarship monies. Scholarship funds will be issued to the recipient for the purpose of reimbursement of tuition and/or books at an institute of higher education. The recipient must present proof of enrollment and a fee statement to the Treasurer of CHEERS prior to the first Monday of March deadline in order to be reimbursed. If the fee statement and/or receipts for books are less than the total scholarship, only the amount expended will be reimbursed.

In the event the recipient receives a full scholarship from any other source, the CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship will still be granted to the recipient if they have met the guidelines set forth to receive the scholarship monies.

## **VESTING DISTRIBUTION RULES:**

1. Potential recipient is defined as a **graduate of** Deer Park High School student who has participated in cheerleading at Deer Park H.S. for at least one **full** year up to four **full** years.
2. Each year graduates will be eligible to apply for the scholarship.
3. The maximum amount of each scholarship that any one senior can be awarded is \$1,000.00.
4. The maximum total amount of scholarship dollars to be given for any one year should not deplete the CHEERS account to less than \$2,500.00 as of the first Monday of March of the current year. The number of eligible applicants according to the vesting schedule, not to exceed the \$1,000.00 limit per senior, will divide the funds in excess of \$2,500.00.

### **Vesting Schedule through 2011 seniors (excluding 2012 seniors) continuing with 2013 thereafter**

1. Four Full Years – 100%
2. Three Full Years – 75%
3. Two Full Years – 50%
4. One Full Year – 25%

### **Vesting Schedule effective with the 2012 seniors (only)**

Cheerleaders would receive \$100 each year for freshmen, sophomore, and junior year. They would earn \$200 for their senior year. Maximum scholarship would be \$500.

#### **STIPULATIONS:**

- If a senior chooses not to cheer for one or more of the past years, then their vested years would start over on the year they returned.
- If a senior quit the program for one or more of the past years, then their vested years would start over on the year they returned.
- If a senior tried out and did not make a team for one or more of the past years, then they would still qualify for their vested years.

#### **Procedures for Processing SCHOLARSHIP Applications:**

1. Applications should be placed in Counselors office the first week of January. (President)
2. Applications are picked up after the first Monday in March. (President)
3. Applications are processed by the president, and then passed to the treasurer for approval. The President & the Treasurer approving application should sign each application.
4. Transcripts should be shredded once verification is made for scholarship.
5. Treasurer should keep applications in her files.
6. Formal letter should be mailed to all Recipients with instructions for collection of funds. *Copy of Letter* should be submitted to Treasurer for record keeping.
7. Certificates should be printed.

8. One Executive Board Member should attend Scholarship Ceremonies to present scholarships to recipients.

**Completed applications with official transcripts attached are due in the Counselor's Office prior to the first Monday of March. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ If Not, Resident Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Already Applied to or Been Accepted By a College (If so, which ones):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provide 3 Personal References:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

List Any Scholarships Already Awarded To You:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Full/Partial: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Special Recognition For Academic Achievements You Have Received:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of Full Years You Have Participated in the D.P.I.S.D. High School Cheerleading Program:  
(Grades 9-12): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship Application**

List Extracurricular Activities, Other than Cheerleading, in Which You Have Participated:

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Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother

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Father

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Phone #

**CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship Conditions of Acceptance And Use**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission for this information to be released to the donor or potential donors of any scholarship for which I may be eligible. I understand that the CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship is awarded to a **graduating Deer Park High School Senior or Junior who has participated in the DPHS Cheerleading program for at least one full year.**

If selected to receive a Cheers Booster Club Scholarship I agree to the following terms of acceptance and use:

1. I must claim my scholarship by presenting proof of enrollment and a fee statement prior to the first Monday of March of the year following my high school graduation or I forfeit such scholarship.
2. Scholarship funds will be issued for the purpose of reimbursement of tuition and/or books within 30 days of the Treasurer's receiving your proof of enrollment and fee statement.
3. Reimbursement will be for the amount of the receipt and/or fee statement up to the total amount of scholarship awarded to you. If receipts and/or fee statements do not equal or exceed the scholarship awarded you must present additional receipts and/or fee statements for the remaining amount of your scholarship prior to the first Monday of March deadline or the remainder of your scholarship will be forfeited.
4. Any balance owed to CHEERS will be deducted from that recipient's scholarship amount.

I understand if any of the above mentioned guidelines are not met, that I will forfeit any said scholarship funds for the year scholarship was granted. I understand that scholarship funds must be claimed by the first Monday of March of the year following my high school graduation.

\_\_\_\_\_, Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of the above student, have read and understand and accept the above conditions of acceptance and use associated with the CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship and will abide by the Conditions of Acceptance and Use if my/our son, daughter or ward is selected to receive the CHEERS Booster Club Scholarship.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ Day, of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Parent(s) or Guardian(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student**