

Class of 2026 Senior Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

The senior scholarship rewards student athletes for their dedication to Athens sports programs and the Troy Athens Athletic Boosters Foundation (TAABF). Seniors who meet all eligibility criteria set by the TAABF may receive up to \$1000 in scholarship funds and are also eligible to apply for an additional lead grant of \$200.

- 1. Senior scholarships are available only to current members of the Athens Athletic Booster Foundation. The family must be a paid member for <u>both</u> the athlete's junior and senior years to qualify.
- 2. Application forms may be downloaded on the Troy Athens Athletics Booster website at: www.athensathleticboosters.org.
- 3. The applicant must have participated in a freshman, JV, or varsity Athens sport, Athens varsity club sport, or have been an athletic trainer assistant/team manager, which can be verified by the Athens Athletic Coordinator.
- 4. The student must have earned a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA. The counseling center will verify.
- 5. Applicants receiving an athletic scholarship from their college, may not be eligible to receive an Athletic Booster scholarship. Please check your applicable NCAA and college guidelines.
- 6. For the Class of 2026, a minimum of 35 points is required to apply for a \$1000 scholarship. Beginning with the Class of 2028, a minimum of 40 points will be required to apply for a senior scholarship.
 - ❖ Families must be PAID Booster members to accumulate/receive volunteer points. Family members who may earn points for the applicant are defined as parents/guardians, AHS student athletes and/or siblings who are high school age or older. Siblings in middle school are not eligible to earn points until spring break of their 8th grade year. Sign in sheets are posted at each event and it is the volunteer's responsibility to neatly sign in to receive any credit. The Grant and Scholarship committee makes every attempt to track volunteer points earned, however, it is strongly recommended that families keep their own logs as well.
 - ❖ Volunteers earn one point per person, per <u>full</u> event shift.
 - ❖ A parent's earned point can only be designated to one AHS student athlete per event.
 - Only family members living in the same household with a PAID membership can earn points for a student athlete. (parents/guardians, AHS student athletes and/or siblings who are high school age or older)
 - Points cannot be transferred or utilized by another family.

- 7. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Board temporarily removed the student applicant's points requirement to apply for a senior scholarship. A minimum requirement of 4 student volunteer points will be reinstated for the Class of 2026 and beyond. These 4 points must be earned by the student applicant, not a sibling, and may be earned during any of the four years at Athens as long as the family is a paid member. These 4 points count towards the minimum senior scholarship point requirement.
- 8. A parent or guardian must attend at least three complete TAAB membership meetings between August and April.
 - ❖ For purposes of the senior scholarship, there is a two full meeting per year requirement for both the applicant's junior and senior years.
 - ❖ A parent or guardian must neatly sign in at TAAB membership meetings to verify their attendance.
 - ♦ Most meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the TAAC room, located in the front of the school. Meeting dates are posted on the Booster website for reference. (Exceptions are made for school closings and school vacations. In that case, the monthly meeting will generally be held the second Monday of the month.)
- 9. Lead grant opportunity: Members who have received ServSafe and concession lead training are eligible to lead concession stand events and earn points to qualify for a lead grant. Application for a \$200 lead grant is available to members who have met the senior scholarship criteria and also volunteer as a concession lead for an additional 9 points. The minimum of 9 additional lead points must be earned between the student's spring break of junior and senior year. Senior lead grants can be added to a senior's scholarship check. Contact the concession manager or a board member to find out times and locations for lead training.
- 10. Applications must be submitted to Kelly Egelski at <u>taab.grants@gmail.com</u> or during a Booster meeting prior to the deadline on the application form.
 - TAAB senior scholarships and checks are awarded to students during the Senior Honors Convocation at Athens in May. Please cash checks in a timely manner.
- 11. The Board will announce requirements for the grant/scholarship program during a membership meeting and post eligibility criteria and applications on the Booster website. The Board can adjust the eligibility requirements and/or decrease the amount of the grants/scholarships based on the financial health and volunteer needs of the organization.
- 12. Inquiries should be sent to taab.grants@gmail.com

All decisions made by the Board and scholarship committee are final.