



## Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association

District V - National Athletic Trainers Association

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Please find attached application materials for the MAATA District V scholarships. Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2007 to January 15, 2008. This information packet includes criteria and instructions for the award you requested. Please read the scholarship information carefully and return all materials by mail prior to the deadline. While facsimile copies will be accepted, their inferior quality may be a factor in the committee's selection process. Photocopies of these forms may be made and distributed.

Applicants should return all of the following items:

- 1) Application and biographical sketch included in this packet.
- 2) Resume,
- 3) Transcript(s),
- 4) Three (3) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes signed across the seal.
- 5) Color photograph as described in the criteria.

All items should be sent in a single envelope to the committee chair and must be postmarked by January 15, 2008

Scholarship recipients are expected to be present at the awards presentation during the MAATA Annual Meeting, March 17, 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD. Each winner will be reimbursed up to \$100 for travel & lodging expenses, and will receive free registration to the symposium.

Address all information to:

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The MAATA is proud to sponsor these scholarships in cooperation with Tosa Medical. If you have any further questions, please contact me or your state representative to the MAATA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Jeff Rudy  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

MID-AMERICA  
ATHLETIC TRAINERS  
ASSOCIATION  
(NATA DISTRICT V)  
POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



**POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP****DETAILS:**

1. The scholarship amount is for \$500.00 and one year. Past winners are not eligible.
2. The District Five Director will appoint the Scholarship Committee Chair. The Selection Committee will consist of the Board Representative from each state. The Board Representative will appoint a replacement if he/she nominates a student for this award.
3. Applications are accepted annually from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Applications are available from and are to be returned to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. All candidates will be notified after the completed application is received.
5. Selection of the winner will be based on academic achievements, character references, athletic training abilities, and future occupational plans. Preferences are given to candidates preparing for a career in athletic training.
6. Awarding of the scholarship will take place during the awards luncheon of the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association Annual Business Meeting during the month of March. Scholarship award winners are expected to be present at this meeting. A special presentation will be made at the Student Trainer Banquet during the National Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting in June. The winner is encouraged to attend.
7. The scholarship winner will receive complimentary registration to the MAATA Annual Meeting and Symposium. The winner will also receive up to \$100 reimbursement for travel and lodging expenses to attend the meeting.

**QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:**

1. The applicant shall signify their intention to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full time graduate student and shall be judged capable of graduate study by their major advisor or major department head. Otherwise, the applicant must be enrolled in a graduate degree program with one or more years remaining.
2. The applicant must have a GPA of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or above in their major field. This is to be verified by the department head in the major field or their designate.
3. The applicant must have accumulated clinical experience hours as a student trainer for a continuous period of at least one academic year prior to the date of application.

4. The applicant must be nominated by a Certified Athletic Trainer who is a current member in good standing of the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association and the National Athletic Trainers Association. No more than one candidate may be nominated by each Certified Athletic Trainer.
5. The applicant must have been a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association for at least one year prior to their date of application and enrolled in an educational institution in District V.
6. It must be the intent of the applicant to pursue the profession of athletic training or related field as a means of livelihood.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

1. The applicant must have official transcript verification of current enrollment in a college or university Bachelor or Masters degree plan. A candidate currently enrolled as an undergraduate student must include verification from the major advisor or department chair of a plan to graduate during the current academic year. Graduate students must include a copy of the undergraduate and graduate transcript. All transcripts should be included with the application materials.
2. The applicant must request that three letters of recommendation be sent to the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. The letters should be from people that you feel would be able to judge the candidates qualities and abilities in the areas of academics and athletic training. One letter should be from the head of the major academic department, a professor, or the major advisor. A second letter should be from the candidates supervising athletic trainer or team physician. The third letter may be from a coach, any of the above, or someone else that the candidate chooses. All letters should be sealed in an envelope. The individual should sign his/her normal signature across the seal of the envelope. All letters of recommendation should be returned with the application materials.
3. The applicant is required to submit an application and a biographical statement answering four specific questions as to why he or she feels they should be awarded the scholarship. The application may be reproduced on a computer adhering to style and space as shown in the original application. Failure to follow space and style guidelines may result in disqualification of the application.
4. The applicant must submit a one page resume.
5. The applicant will submit a color photograph to be used only for award purposes at the MAATA Symposium. The photographs will not be used in the selection process. The photograph should be suitable for an awards flier and focus on the face and upper torso of the applicant.

MID-AMERICA ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION  
POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Biographical Information:**

Please Print or Type:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City ST Zip

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City ST Zip

School Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:**

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City ST

Undergraduate College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Undergraduate GPA (at time of application) \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in Major Field \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Scale (4.0 or 5.0) \_\_\_\_\_

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Postgraduate College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Postgraduate Area of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Scale (4.0 or 5.0) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of the NATA? \_\_\_\_ Year membership began? \_\_\_\_

Are you currently serving as a student/graduate athletic trainer? \_\_\_\_

Name of your supervising athletic trainer? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years of experience have you had as a student athletic  
trainer? High School \_\_\_\_ years College/University \_\_\_\_ yearsAre you currently planning to make athletic training your primary  
field of professional endeavor after graduation? \_\_\_\_\_ If not,  
what occupation do you plan to enter?

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On the attached sheets, please give a brief description of yourself  
by responding to the four biographical sketch questions.

Enclose a copy of your one page resume and college transcript(s)  
including grades from the semester prior to application. Graduate  
students must also include an undergraduate transcript.

I certify that the information contained in this application is  
correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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 Signature of Applicant

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 Date

I hereby endorse this scholarship application based on the candidates  
athletic training abilities and verify that he/she meets the  
qualification requirements as set forth in the scholarship criteria.

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 Signature of Supervising Athletic Trainer

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 Date

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 Membership Number

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 Certification Number

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 E-mail Address

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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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 Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

In the space provided, please answer each question to accurately describe yourself.

**QUESTION A:** Who were the key individuals and what were the important factors that influenced your decision to enter the field of athletic training.

**QUESTION B:** How have you participated in athletic training since your interest in the field began? Include sports, teams, or areas where you have been involved in the practice of athletic training. List any honors or awards you have received.



**QUESTION C:** Describe any participation in community organizations or associations unrelated to athletic training. Also, describe any previous employment experiences which have helped you supplement your education.

**QUESTION D:** What are your short term (1-2 years) and long term (5 to 10 years) professional goals ?