



The Bill Knirck Annual Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the Hanford Falcon Sports Booster Club

2024

Applications due Friday, May 3rd, 2024

Provisions for the Academic Scholarship

PURPOSE

To encourage and recognize high academic achievement, participation in sports, participations in school and community activities, and to assist with the costs of higher education.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Hanford High School (HHS) senior class students who are planning to attend a two-year or four-year college, and who have participated in at least one school sport.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must submit a completed application form, a 500-word essay on an assigned topic, and include a copy of their high school transcripts. All applications for this annual scholarship must be received prior to the deadline for submitting the application and essay.

*Applications can be dropped off or mailed by May 3rd, 2024 to
Teresa Knirck, 375 Westmoreland Drive, Richland, WA*

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria will include the following considerations:

- Commitment to attend a two-year or four-year college.
- Scholastic achievement.
- Participation in school sports.
- Parent participation in the HHS Sports Booster Club.
- Participation in club, school, community activities, service and leadership positions.
- Submission of a 500-word essay on the assigned topic.
- Submission of Hanford High School transcript.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

A minimum of two (2) applicants will be selected; the award will also be provided directly to the college or university in the student's name (account).



Bill Knirck Annual Memorial Scholarship Application Scoring Criteria

AWARD COMMITTEE

The committee that will be scoring the applications and awarding the scholarships will be appointed by the Falcon Sports Booster Club. It will consist of a minimum of three (3) people, and all committee members shall not be a parent of any of the applicants.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The goal for the committee is to award a minimum of two (2) scholarships every year. However, the committee has the authority to award any number over two. If the committee feels that more than two applicants are worthy of a scholarship, Booster board approval is needed. Award of scholarships will not be gender-based but will be based on the **scholarship scoring criteria**.

In addition, the chairman of the Award Committee can propose a Falcon Pride nominee to the Sports Boosters President or designee for consideration of a scholarship. This Falcon Pride nomination will be based on information supplied as part of the application process, input from other members of the award committee, or a nomination from a school administrator. The number of Falcon Pride scholarship awards will be dependent on available funding.

SCHOLARSHIP SCORING CRITERIA - TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS= 100

Each committee member will score each applicant on the following five (5) criteria areas. The final score for each applicant shall be the average score from all of the committee members.

Sports Participation = 30 points

Applicants must have participated in a minimum of one (1) sport at Hanford High School (HHS) to be considered for a scholarship. Six (6) points are awarded for participating in a HHS sport in a given year and one (1) point for participating in each additional HHS sport that same year - **up to a maximum of 30 points**. Participation includes abiding by the Athletic Participation Agreement and practicing good sportsmanship in accordance with WIAA guidance. Two (2) examples:

	EXAMPLE 1			EXAMPLE 2		
	SPORTS	POINTS	TOTAL	SPORTS	POINTS	TOTAL
FRESHMEN	FB, BB	7	27	FB, BB, GOLF	8	22
SOPHOMORE	FB, BB	7		BB, GOLF	7	
JUNIOR	FB, GOLF	7		BB, GOLF	7	
SENIOR	FB	6		

NOTE: Cheerleading is considered a sport as part of this portion of the scholarship scoring criteria. Varsity team managers will also be considered based on a recommendation by the Head Varsity Coach. This "written" recommendation from the coach will be provided as part of the scholarship application

Parent Booster Participation = 20 points

Award points are based on the following criterias:

CATEGORY TYPE	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Paid Booster Membership (10 points - 2.5 points annually)				
Booster Activities (10 points - 2.5 points annually)*				

***NOTE:** Booster activities are considered Booster-specific fundraisers, projects, and special events (e.g., Benton-Franklin County Fair & Rodeo, Golf Tournament, Booster Concessions, Merchandise Tables). If the candidate’s family has participated in two or more of these activities during the year, the candidate will be awarded two and a half points for that specific year. For one annual activity, the candidate will receive one point for that specific year. For no participation, the candidate will receive no points for that year. **Working (staffing) concessions for HHS club or activity is NOT considered a Booster-specific activity based on this support being tied to the clubs and activities responsibilities (efforts). These groups receive funds from their concession support as part of the Booster-ASB profit split agreement that is calculated at the end of the school year.**

Grade Point Average (GPA) = 25 points

Award points are based on the following table with consideration for Advance Placement (AP) classes being given a greater weight in calculating the GPA to be evaluated. This calculation will be provided by the HHS Counseling Office based on their established practices.

3.75 - 4.00	25 points
3.50 to 3.74	22 points
3.25 to 3.49	20 points
3.00 to 3.24	17 points
2.50 to 2.99	15 points
2.00 to 2.49	10 points
1.99 & below	0 points

Student Participation in Other Activities = 10 points

Examples of "activities" may include Hanford High School non-athletic teams and school clubs, youth, church, community service, scouting, and club sports. Award points are based on the following:

- Four (4) years of active participation (1 or more activities) = 10 points
- Three (3) years of active participation (1 or more activities) = 7.5 points
- Two (2) years of active participation (1 or more activities) = 5 points
- One (1) year of active participation (1 or more activities) = 2.5 points
- No participation = 0 points.

Essay = 15 points

Each essay should be scored on the following three areas:

- Applicant has clearly and logically expressed/defined his/her ideas (max 5 points)
- Applicant has clearly supported his/her ideas (max 5 points)
- Applicant has clearly demonstrated basic writing skills (e.g., grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.) (max 5 points)

Bill Knirck Annual Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

College Planning to Attend: _____

I. Current Cumulative GPA – 25 Points:

II. High School Sports Participation (List all sports and associated years of participation) – 30 Points:

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Freshman			
Sophomore			
Junior			
Senior			

III. Parent Sports Booster Participation (Specify years as a Booster member and list the participation in Booster activities such as Benton-Franklin County Fair) – 20 Points:

	Parent Booster Participation
Freshman	
Sophomore	
Junior	
Senior	

IV. List other clubs, school and community activities, leadership positions, and associated years of participation – 10 Points:

	Clubs/Activities/Leadership
Freshman	
Sophomore	
Junior	
Senior	

V. Essay Topic (Attach a separate sheet of paper – 500 words or less, double-spaced and typed). Grammar and spelling will be part of this evaluation – 15 Points:

How have your personal experiences as a Hanford High School student-athlete influenced your future college and career aspirations?