

Five-Star Foundation Grant Request Letter

Thank you for your request concerning Five-Star Foundation's financial assistance for your child. This letter outlines the process you must follow to receive financial assistance ("Grant"). The purpose of the Five-Star Foundation Grant is to help worthy student-athletes of strong character who are working hard academically and are in need of financial assistance.

The Five-Star Foundation has a limited amount of money to help financially disadvantaged student-athletes. DO NOT Apply for a Grant if you have the ability to pay for your tuition as this may prevent us from helping others. A prospective college athlete is allowed under NCAA guidelines (Bylaw 13) to receive financial support, when it is based on genuine financial need. HOWEVER, if the prospect's claim is intentionally and blatantly false, it could have repercussions on his/her eligibility under NCAA guidelines (Bylaw 13).

The Five-Star Foundation must receive a letter from a School Administrator or a Non-Profit Organization with no basketball affiliation. Examples of Non-Profit Organizations include Churches, Boys & Girls Clubs, and YMCAs (as long as the Administrator writing the letter is not the student-athlete's teacher or coach). The letter must:

- 1) be written on the organization's letterhead,*
- 2) explain the student-athlete's financial need,*
- 3) state the specific Grant request (full Grants are rarely given),*
- 4) include the date and name of the camp requested,*
- 5) comment on the applicant's character, attitude, and scholastic efforts,*
- 6) include the administrator's official title, phone number, and email for follow-up.*

Finally, the first two pages of the parents tax return or the households W-2's will be required. We also reserve the right to request additional financial information if applicable. In addition, please send your contact number, address, and email so we can contact you when a decision is reached.

If the request does not include all of the above, the student-athlete will not be considered. Also, the letter must be received Two (2) Weeks prior to the requested Camp's starting date to allow us sufficient time to contact the Administrator. (We suggest you give a copy of this letter to the Administrator so they can contact us directly with any questions/comments).

Thank you for your interest. Please send all materials to the address provided below. The Five-Star Foundation is committed to helping your student-athlete learn life lessons through basketball.

Sincerely,

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