

FENCERS CLUB

EST. 1883

*Fencers Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence through the sport of fencing.
We actively support a culture of sharing by performing community services that extend beyond fencing.*

2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

Deadline 7/31/2025 11:59 PM EST

The Fencers Club Scholarship Committee will review each application and, following feedback from the Fencers Club DEI and Finance Committees, will provide recommendations regarding scholarship allocations to the Fencers Club Board. The Fencers Club Board will subsequently render the final decision regarding the scholarship allocations.

This duty is consistent with the Club's by-laws Sec 2.04: "To promote the accessibility of the sport of fencing to all individuals regardless of gender, race, age, or socio-economic status."

Application Eligibility Criteria

Need-Based Eligibility:

- The applicant has been a Fencers Club member for the past 12 months. This includes PWF athletes who have been Fencers Club members for the past 12 months and who have Fencers Club listed as their secondary club on the USFA website
 - o Or, has received a letter of recommendation from a Fencers Club coach,
 - o Or, has received letters of recommendation from two existing Fencers Club members
- Has demonstrated financial need
- Successful applicants must be able to represent Fencers Club in all competitions, including national tournaments

"Elite Athlete" Eligibility for Free Fencers Club Membership:

- Applicant is an Olympian, Paralympian, or member of the U.S. National team (top 3 for Cadets, top 4 for Juniors, Seniors, Veterans of all age categories) in the last World Championships
- Represented Fencers Club (or PWF, with Fencers Club listed as the secondary club) at the time of the Olympics, Paralympics, or the most recent World Championships

Ineligible to Apply:

- Scholarships cannot be granted to NCAA students as this is in violation of the NCAA rules. Please apply for the Fencers Club Work-Study Program. Please contact the Executive Director for more information.

Please return the completed application and financial information by 7/31/2025 11:59 pm EST

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Scholarship Awards

- **Over 14 years of age:** Successful applicants are eligible to receive a financial award for full or partial remission of membership fees, as well as classes, or private lessons, competition travel reimbursements, or any combination thereof. Successful applicants may, if they wish, apply for work at club functions. Remuneration will be commensurate with age, experience, and duties.
- **14 years of age and younger:** Successful applicants are eligible for awards including full or partial remission of membership fees, as well as classes, or private lessons, competition travel reimbursements, or any combination thereof. Such scholarship awards would entail volunteering at club functions commensurate with age, experience, and skill. Parents or guardians are expected to encourage relevant volunteering. Financial support for anything other than membership dues requires recommendation of the applicant's coach.

Application Guidelines

The application deadline is 7/31/25, 11:59pm EST

A late or incomplete application will not be considered nor will an application missing the tax forms (see p. 4 of this application for detail). Such applications will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. There will be no exceptions, except for the "Free Fencers Club Membership" given to the "Elite Athletes."

Though Elite Athletes will automatically qualify for a Free Fencers Club Membership, the Scholarship Committee respectfully asks that Elite Athletes complete the application and submit it before the deadline.

If an Elite Athlete applies for the Free Fencers Club Membership only, there is no need to submit tax forms. However, if an Elite Athlete is requesting to be considered for other awards, in addition to a Free Fencers Club Membership, please submit your tax forms with the application, by the deadline indicated above. Otherwise your award request will not be considered.

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Print Name _____
Last First

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Male ___ Female ___
Month Day Year

Address _____
Street Apt #
State Zip City

Home Tel: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

School or Employer [if applicable] _____

Grade/Year [if applicable] _____ Graduation date _____ Degree _____

Employer/full-time since _____ part-time since _____

Position/Title _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

SIBLINGS (Ages 21 and under only)

Name _____ Age _____ College Student Y / N

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Name _____ Age _____ College Student Y / N

Current Fencing Status: Recreational _____ Competitive _____

Name of primary coach _____

Current membership in other club[s], program[s] or school team Yes _____ No _____

Club/Program/School name _____

FENCING HISTORY

Total years fencing _____ FC member since _____ Weapon[s] _____

Highest ranking to date _____ Age category _____ Year _____

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National ranking, if any _____ Member of a National Team: _____

Best 5 results in the last 3 years _____

How many hours per week do you train? _____

Are you a Fencers Club Partner Schools Participant? N _____ Y _____

If Yes: School _____ FC Coach _____

On a separate page, please describe your fencing goals. Applicants must complete this portion.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you currently receive any services and/or financial support from your coach or another organization? Please include financial aid/scholarship from your school.

No _____ Yes _____

If yes, please describe the nature of the support and amounts if applicable:

Please list all sources of financial consideration you receive from coaches, family, friends and organizations which are not indicated in your or your family's Federal Income Tax return.

INVOLVEMENT IN CLUB ACTIVITIES

Please list all Fencers Club activities you have participated in over the last 12 months, and your role in those activities (e.g.: referee, setting up, participant, organizer, mentoring).

Please indicate the exact amount of financial aid requested from the Fencers Club Scholarship Program, and explain any and all factors that would help the Financial Scholarship Committee make a decision on your application.

Have you previously received a Fencers Club financial scholarship?
Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when and for what amount? _____

If necessary, please include additional pages to complete any of the above-noted questions and categories.

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To be eligible for a scholarship, please provide a copy of your Federal Income Tax Form 1040 for the latest year filed and attach it to this application. If you are under 21, family or guardian tax forms will serve this purpose. Applications without this information will NOT be considered.

If you have experienced a furlough, loss of contract, medical treatment, or other financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, please provide additional supporting documentation for consideration.

ESTIMATED INCOME for 2025 \$ _____

The Fencers Club must abide by statutes covering a Non-profit Organization 501(c)(3). This requires formal supportive evidence for all financial aid requests.

I hereby affirm that the information contained in, or submitted together with, this application is true:

Applicant _____ Date _____
(Signature)

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
(if 18 yrs & under) (Signature)

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