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## **Scholarship Guidelines**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) Scholarship Program is designed to financially assist qualified applications who otherwise would not be able to participate in adaptive sports programs offered during the winter (alpine skiing, snowboarding) and summer (kayaking, paddle boarding). From beginner to elite, NEHSA aims to support those individuals to achieve their athletic and recreational goals.

NEHSA has limited funding available to help qualified applicants who wish to experience our program. All scholarship recipients are asked to pay a minimum financial contribution for all lessons if possible and have a fully paid yearly membership fee, individual membership \$45.00, family membership \$70.00.

Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. The total amount of the scholarship awarded is limited to the amount of money available in the fund for each fiscal year. Scholarships are based on a total of 12 hours for the season (winter/summer) which can be divided between half day or full day lessons, and spread out for the winter season, December 26 through the end of the season or summer, July through the end of the season.

The NEHSA Scholarship committee will review each application. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, weight or state of physical or cognitive disability. All information provided will be kept confidential and is only viewed by the NEHSA Scholarship committee.

### **SCHOLARSHIP TYPES**

**Winter:** All lessons will include an lift ticket, adaptive equipment, helmet one lead instructor and assistant. Lessons are from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and/or 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Summer:** All lessons will include entry into the State Park for 1 participant and 1 caregiver, PFD, kayak and adaptive setup, and one lead instructor. Lessons are from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and/or 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

**First-Time Scholarship** - For the first time participant who wishes to “Try it Out” and needs financial assistance to do so.

Winter: One half day (\$70) or full day (\$95).

Summer: One half day (\$30) or full day (\$50)

**Recurring Scholarship** - An amount awarded per lesson/session. This will be limited to 12 hours.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

All scholarship types are available for individuals of all ages, both new and existing participants, who display an interest in recreation and need financial assistance to cover the cost. Proof of family income may be requested (i.e.: paycheck stub, government assistance check, income tax statements).

## Application Process

Please complete and submit the following items. The application form can be downloaded from the NEHSA website by clicking here.

- [Participant Intake Paperwork](#)
- [Application Form](#) - incomplete applications will not be considered
- Income documentation, if requested

If the participant is a minor the application must be completed by a parent or guardian.

Applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled lesson. All materials submitted for consideration for a scholarship automatically become the physical property of NEHSA and will not be returned to the sender. Application materials and decisions will be kept confidential. Statistical information from scholarship awards may be used for fundraising and grant reporting purposes.

## Candidate Evaluation and Selection

NEHSA's Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee is an impartial panel comprised of NEHSA Staff. The Committee will review completed applications and other submitted materials. All decisions of the Committee are final.

## Notification

Scholarship applicants will be notified by phone or e-mail outlining the scholarship amount and usage requirements.

If approved, scholarships typically cover between 25% and 75% of the lesson cost (with the exception of First-time scholarship, in which 100% of lesson cost is covered. It will be the applicant's responsibility to make up the additional payment in order to participate in the requested lesson(s).

## More Information

Any questions in regards to these guidelines should be directed to the NEHSA's Operations Manager, Angela Neilson [angela.neilson@nehsa.org](mailto:angela.neilson@nehsa.org)

## Type of lessons requesting aid (cost to be covered by scholarship)

### Full Day Lesson

- Winter: Rate: \$95.00
- Summer: Rate: \$50.00

### Half Day Lesson

- Winter: Rate: \$70.00
- Summer: Rate: \$30.00

### Full Day Lesson Partial Scholarship

- Winter: Rate: \$65.00
- Summer: Rate: \$20.00

### Half Day Lesson Partial Scholarship

- Winter: Rate: \$40.00
- Summer: Rate: \$20.00

- I can pay \_\_\_\_\_