Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports Scholarship Program

Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports provides registration fee scholarships to local athletes, who without this financial assistance would not otherwise be able to participate. The Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports Scholarship Assistance program focuses on providing opportunities for our area youth to participate in basketball and cheerleading for the spiritual, physical, mental, and character training benefits that this program can provide. Scholarship assistance will be dependent upon the funds available and the actual need shown.

Please be aware that Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports Financial Assistance Funds are limited! Our primary goal is to help as many young athletes that we possibly can. Due to the severity to the continuing economic crisis, we anticipate a large number of requests for assistance this season. In an effort to help out as many families as we can with the knowledge that there are limited funds, we are asking those of you that can afford to utilize our option of monthly installments rather than receiving a scholarship to please do so.

To make payment arrangements, contact basketball@cincyupward.org or mail completed form to Faith Community UMC, 8230 Cox Road, WC, OH 45069 attn: Upward scholarship. Rather than offering maximum scholarships (80%), we would like to offer more partial scholarships to help out more families in need this season. Awards of assistance are NOT guaranteed to every applicant.

Requirements for eligibility:

- **Commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices and games.**
- Participation by a family member in at least one (1) volunteer opportunity during the scholarship season.
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or head of household, with **all** requested information provided. (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

Priority will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below:

- Member of a multi-child family.
- Living in a single parent home.
- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs to receive priority status)
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social workers, youth community center workers, or other social services representatives.
- If you or your child has made efforts to save or earn money for the season, please mention it in a letter. Your child's letter or parent letter should discuss his or her love of the sport and how the applicant believes this will help him/her to achieve life goals.

NOTE: Approval process of a scholarship assistance request does not register the participant for Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports. You will still need to complete all registration documents and attend an evaluation/clinic.

Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports Scholarship Assistance Request Form

NOTE: This application is for families interested in participating in Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports scholarship program. This information is necessary to determine scholarship eligibility. Please complete one form per family. Personal information will remain strictly confidential. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. In order to assist more children with registration fees, Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports will provide a maximum of 80% scholarship to children who qualify for assistance. If you are able to pay more than 20%, it will enable more children to participate. Parent's portion (payable to Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports-BB/Cheer) must be received in order for child's registration to be complete.

Date of Application: _____

Child's Name	Grade	B-Day	Gender	Sport (Circle)
_____	_____	_____	M F	Basketball Cheerleading
_____	_____	_____	M F	Basketball Cheerleading
_____	_____	_____	M F	Basketball Cheerleading
_____	_____	_____	M F	Basketball Cheerleading

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mailing Address:

_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Email Address: _____

Marital Status:

Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Separated _____

1. Father's Name: _____

Employer: _____ work number: _____

2. Mother's Name: _____

Employer: _____ work number: _____

3. What is the annual household income (Gross)? _____

4. How many children do you have? (Please include those not participating) _____

5. How much can you afford to pay per child? _____

6. Is a payment plan an option instead of a scholarship? YES NO

If yes – what date (s) could you make payments? _____

7. If awarded with a scholarship would you be willing to volunteer in some capacity? YES NO

8. Are you a member of a local Church? YES NO Name: _____

9. Have you received scholarship funding from Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports in the past? YES NO

10. Other than financial concerns, are there any other factors that you would like us to consider?

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The Leadership Team will review your application and determine if you qualify for assistance. Please make sure all information is complete and correct. Any personal information that you are required to provide will be kept confidential within the Leadership Team. Unfortunately, scholarships are not available for everyone.

Consent and Agreement

I understand that my signature serves as verification of all the information on this application. I certify that all of the information on this form is true and correct**. I understand that my child(ren)'s participation in this program requires a commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of the scheduled practices and games.** I agree to notify Northern Cincinnati Upward Sports of any change in my income or ability to pay. I am aware that assistance funds are awarded for a maximum of one year, after which time it is my responsibility to reapply.

Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Approved: YES NO Approved by: _____ Date: _____