

JOSH NELSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Funded by the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Scholarship@SpragueRball.com
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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship is available to applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Graduating students attending either Sprague High School or a homeschool program within the Sprague boundary, obtaining a diploma or a GED by August 1, 2025; or students residing within the Sprague boundary who obtain a GED by August 1, 2025;
- Active participants with the Sprague Racquetball Team;
- Participants who have played in at least one sanctioned Oregon High School Racquetball League match during their time as a member of the Sprague Racquetball Team; and
- During the scholarship period, any applicant who is awarded a scholarship must be enrolled in a full-time program, as prescribed by the college, university, junior college, vocational/technical school, or other eligible educational institution in which the applicant is enrolled.

APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ON THE SPRAGUE RACQUETBALL TEAM ARE **NOT** ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP GRANT.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are due **FEBRUARY 21, 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- A completed application, with four essay answers (Attached, Items #1-4 and #6-7, and verification/signature page);
- Two letters of recommendation (Item #5);
- A high school transcript, GED diploma, or homeschooling testing results (10th-grade requirement) (Item #6); and
- A Coach Input Sheet (CIS). **NOTE:** *The Committee and coaches organize completing each applicant's CIS; **applicants do not need to submit forms to a coach.*** (Item #8).

INSTRUCTIONS

Completed applications, with attachments as described in this Scholarship Application packet, must be submitted via email, in PDF format, to the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Committee, at Scholarship@SpragueRball.com. The submission may be one combined PDF file or multiple PDF files. Letters of reference may be submitted by the applicant or by the person writing the letter.

It is important to follow the directions in this Scholarship Application packet. **Please complete the application form in full**; incomplete applications will not be considered. (**Example:** If you use an attachment to complete an item, write "See Attachment" on the form and then correctly label the attachment with your name and the appropriate item number, and follow the same format used in the Application.) **Do not leave any item blank.**

Applicant Name: _____

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Email: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

2. Length of time of participation with Sprague Racquetball: _____

3. Number of League Matches during time of participation with Sprague Racquetball: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS (4)

4. Write one answer for **EACH** of the four subjects listed below, using a maximum of one typed page per answer: Describe, giving one or more specific examples, how you have demonstrated each of the following in regards to Sprague Racquetball and/or in other areas in your life:

- Subject #1: Leadership and Teamwork
- Subject #2: Effort and Dedication
- Subject #3: Volunteering and Community Involvement
- Subject #4: Academic Pride

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

5. Provide two letters of recommendation, due by the application deadline, from an unrelated adult who is not a Sprague Racquetball coach and with whom you are well acquainted. One or both letters may be submitted as part of your application, or the letter writer may submit a letter separately, by email, to the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@SpragueRball.com.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS/GPA AND POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

6. Overall high school GPA: _____. ***ATTACH** your most recent official transcript or equivalent (if homeschooled), that includes your cumulative GPA.

7. Indicate whether you plan to attend a four-year university or college; a two-year college/school; a vocational or technical school; or identify any other type of institution or school:

COACH INPUT SHEET (CIS)

8. After the applicant submits their application, the coaches will complete a CIS, with input from the applicant's practice and league coaches. The coaches will return the CIS to the Committee. **The applicant need not do anything to request completion of the CIS.** For the applicant's general information, a blank CIS form is attached to this application.

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APPLICATION VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Applicant certifies that the information provided in this completed application is true.

If selected to receive a scholarship grant, then applicant understands and agrees as follows:

- **By August 1, 2025**, applicant intends to obtain a high school diploma or GED;
- **By October 15, 2025**, as directed in the award letter, applicant will provide to a designated member of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Racquetball Development Group (doing business as Sprague Racquetball) proof of full-time enrollment in a qualifying university, college, school, or institution; and
- **By February 15, 2026**, if any portion of the grant is unused, then the unused amount will be forfeited and must be returned to the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Applicant understands that submission of a completed application serves as permission for the Racquetball Development Group to utilize applicant’s name and/or picture for promotional purposes to further the mission of the Foundation.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age): _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Committee was established by the Racquetball Development Group (RDG) (FEIN 82-4845162), which created the scholarship fund and awards scholarship grants. The Committee can be contacted at Scholarship@SpragueRball.com.

The Committee’s Guiding Principle is to evaluate applications in light of the qualities that most represent Josh Nelson, who was a Sprague Racquetball team member during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons. An applicant must exemplify leadership, teamwork, effort, dedication, and commitment to community -- in the context of racquetball, life outside racquetball, or both. An applicant also must demonstrate upstanding character and academic pride. The Committee agrees that the listed qualities can take many forms and that an applicant may use any examples that the applicant thinks is appropriate.

The Committee reserves the right to make decisions and make recommendations to the RDG about scholarship grants, based on the clarity and completeness of the applications received. The Committee also reserves the right to use its best judgment to make final recommendations, concerning the final candidates, based on the goals, intent, and purpose of the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship.

Because of the potential volume of applications, the Committee cannot respond to inquiries regarding the status of specific applications. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all required materials are submitted to the Committee via email, in PDF format, to the following email address: Scholarship@SpragueRball.com. The submission may be one combined file or multiple files.

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COACH INPUT SHEET (CIS)

An applicant must present the CIS, with an envelope addressed to the Josh Nelson Memorial Scholarship Committee, to one of the applicant's regular practice coaches, allowing sufficient time for the Coach to complete it before the application deadline. A designated Coach will return the completed CIS to the Committee.

The Coach must return the completed CIS to the Committee by March 15, 2025.

Player Rank Change: Player's starting OHSRL rank : _____

Player's current OHSRL rank: _____

Coach Ranking Criteria: Please rank the applicant in the following categories (Low=1; High=5):

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| (1) | Leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (2) | Teamwork | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (3) | Dedication | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (4) | Effort (including at practice and efforts to improve) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (5) | Attitude and Coachability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (6) | Sportsmanship | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (7) | Team Spirit | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (8) | Practice Attendance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (9) | Volunteering | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Comments to Support Scoring Points (Required):

Coach Signature

Date