



## Just Athlete Scholarship Program 2020 - 2021

### **Mission**

To enhance the lives of students in need through sports in schools.

### **Background**

Since 2009, Sports In Schools has existed to support marginalized schools and address the disparities in school-based athletics. To date, we have partnered with dozens of schools, impacting thousands of students, and provided more than \$1,000,000 worth of resources. However, in light of the civil unrest that persists and impacts especially our black and brown communities, we felt compelled to do more. This school year, we're launching a scholarship program called, **Just Athlete**.

### **Why *Just Athlete*?**

Among many stigmas which exists in black and brown communities, is the stigma that athletics is a primary path to college and beyond. However, according to the NCAA, only about 2% of high school athletes are awarded some form of athletic scholarship to compete in and attend college.

We know the path to success for black and brown student-athletes has many routes, and they are far more than just athletes. They are amazing young people who, among other things are participating in creating a just world through the ways they embody and are involved in race and social justice efforts in their schools and communities. We want to elevate and celebrate that!

We will recognize two senior student-athletes (1 female, 1 male) with a **\$2,000** scholarship each to be used toward their post-secondary education.

### **Eligibility**

- Must be a Senior at a high school where we have a previous or current partnership
- Must be a participant in any sport(s) with a partner school (includes managers and athletic trainer interns)
- Must be involved with or have participated in a race and social justice effort in school or community at-large
- Must plan to attend a post-secondary institution (2 or 4-year college, university, or vocational/technical school)



## Process

Applicant must complete and submit the following items:

- Complete the online application, <https://bit.ly/2EALzks>
- Not-to-exceed 1,000 characters to each of the following questions
  1. **What has high school sports taught you about yourself?**
  2. **What does “justice” mean to you and why is it important to you?**
  3. **What way(s) have you engaged in race and social justice efforts in your school and/or community?** This is included in the online application. If you do not have computer or internet access, we will accept handwritten responses to our mailing address:

### Sports In Schools

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Seattle, WA 98122

Please ensure you include your name, phone number, and email contact information on the first page of any document you submit.

- Three letters of recommendation from either a coach\*, a race & social justice program advisor\*, a teacher, and/or other adult mentor in your life (\* = mandatory). This form is included in the online application. If you do not have computer or internet access, please have those writing your letters of recommendation submit them directly to our program director, Christina Broadwin, [christina@sportsinschools.org](mailto:christina@sportsinschools.org), on your behalf.

Only complete applications submitted by **11:59pm on January 31, 2021** will be considered. Send to SIS Program Director, Christina Broadwin: [christina@sportsinschools.org](mailto:christina@sportsinschools.org) or text images to (510) 710-1731

Once in interview stage, applicant must undergo an in-person or virtual 30-minute interview with SIS Program Committee members.

If selected, “Just Athlete” awardee must attend SIS annual fundraiser. Awardee will be able to invite two family members and one coach as honorary guests. Note: we will likely do a virtual auction, date TBD

If selected, funds will be disbursed via reimbursement. Awardee must submit receipt(s) and proof of enrollment. Multiple receipts can be submitted



throughout Awardee's first year of school. SIS will reimburse up to \$2000 max of school-related expenses including but not limited to; tuition, books, room & board, equipment (laptop, laptop accessories, book bag, etc.).

**Timeline:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Application Released	October 8, 2020
Application Deadline	January 31, 2021
Interviews	February 16 – April 16, 2021
Notification	April 30, 2021
SIS Annual Fundraiser and Awards Ceremony	TBD
Funds released	Reimbursed within 1st year

If you have any questions, please contact:

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