



2024-2025

Application for Willis HS
Athletic Trainer Student
Aide

Instructions for Willis High School
Athletic Trainer Student Aide Application

1. Parent/Guardian and Student Applicant, **Please Read ALL** aspects of this cover letter below prior to completing the application.

2. The application must be complete. It will be verified for accuracy before being selected for the interview process.

3. Please have at least **TWO Letters of Recommendation** emailed to:
jgonzales@willisisd.org
These need to come from teachers, coaches, or administrators you have been associated with in Jr. High or High School.

4. The application and letters of recommendation are due by
May 22, 2024.

Willis High School Sports Medicine

Our Sports Medicine Department plays a crucial role in the athletic program. We are involved in the care, prevention and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. This is done on a daily basis, involving many student athletes, making it necessary to recruit student aides each year to assist us with these goals.

Many demands are placed on our Willis HS Athletic Training Student Aides. For this reason, applicants need to be mature, responsible, and most importantly, **dependable**. Once a student is accepted to our staff, both them and their parents/guardians come to understand the importance of these characteristics. We attempt to be very selective about the students in our program due to these demands.

Student candidates desiring a position in our program are carefully interviewed and evaluated. The application is checked thoroughly. During the interview process, it is explained to the student that, should they be selected, they will be admitted on a probationary basis during the first year. After the probationary period, if we are satisfied with their performance, the student will advance.

We expect a full commitment from each WHS Athletic Training Student Aide. All students are required to work with the football program. The nature of the game of football provides us with the majority of our injury situations. It creates an excellent educational opportunity for observing and getting hands-on experience of a variety of aspects involving sports medicine.

It generally takes some time for Athletic Training Student Aides to gain the knowledge and the skills required to fulfill their duties. The entry level student is taught basic medical terminology, basic anatomy, and skills so they can become successful in the program. As they progress, the students go on to learn about therapeutic modalities, the injury evaluation process, and principles of rehabilitation. As their knowledge increases, and when we feel that they are ready for advancement, we will assign them a 2nd sport to work with student athletes under the direct supervision of our professional athletic training staff.

There are a wide variety of duties that each of our student aides will be performing. All students will do such tasks as cleaning, managing inventory, stocking supplies, administering basic first-aid care, and assisting our professional staff in rehabilitation sessions with injured athletes.

WHS Athletic Training Student Aides are required to spend many hours after school and upon occasion may miss several class periods to travel with their sport. **Time management skills are crucial.** Maintaining good grades is of the highest importance. "No Pass No Play" applies to all our students, as it does to all student athletes. If it becomes apparent that the student cannot maintain passing grades while doing the workload required, we will determine if it is appropriate for that particular student to remain with the program.

Needless to say, it is a challenge for each of our Athletic Training Student Aides to adjust to all of the requirements within the WHS Sports Medicine program. Many do, and at the same time, are able to maintain a part time job, outside of school. However, because of the time demand placed on them during football season, **we require that they not have a job during that season that interferes with their scheduled time to work as a student athletic trainer .**

Other activities the student is involved in will also be considered in regards to acceptance to the program. Due to the type of program we are offering, we insist that school work comes **first**, athletic training comes **second**, and everything else falls in line **afterwards**.

Our students are required to deal with many adults, such as athlete's parents, coaches, faculty members, professional ATs from other schools, and team physicians. Great importance is placed on the student's ability to respectfully work and cooperate with each in such a manner that allows them to complete their duties properly.

Occasionally, the goals of the individual student become different than goals of the Willis HS Athletic Training Student Aide program from the time they come on board. The student discovers that our program is not what they had in mind, or we may discover that some students are not compatible with what we are trying to accomplish within the program. As stated before, we make a sincere effort to be very selective of the applicants that we believe will be a successful fit with the program throughout their high school career. Each student is evaluated at the end of the school year on their performance, and decisions are made at that time as to whether or not they will advance the following year. Unfortunately, circumstances have occurred to cause us to dismiss a student for the good of the program. Every effort to communicate with the parent and the student about those circumstances will be made to discuss these situations prior to the decision of removal.

We feel that our program is effective and beneficial to both student athletes and the athletic Training Student Aide. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Sports Medicine Program and the students within it. Cooperation from parents/guardians and students is the key to success. We encourage interested students and their parents/guardians to visit the Willis High School Athletic Training Room and see firsthand what the WHS Sports Medicine Program has to offer.

PARENTS,

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. BY SIMPLY APPLYING TO BE AN ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT AIDE, YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER HAS SHOWN THAT THEY CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT LIES AHEAD. NOT EVERYONE WHO APPLIES WILL MAKE IT. WE BASE OUR DECISION ON MANY DIFFERENT FACTORS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU SOON REGARDING YOUR STUDENT'S APPLICATION.

Sincerely,

Scott McClatchy, LAT
Head Athletic Trainer

Jordan Gonzales, MS, ATC, LAT
Associate Athletic Trainer

Jordan Terrell, MS, ATC, LAT
Associate Athletic Trainer

[Complete online application by clicking here.](#)

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