



WakeEd **PARTNERSHIP**

Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship

January 2024



What is the Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship?

The Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship Fund invests in Apex, North Carolina high school athletes who are pursuing a full-time undergraduate education leading to a Baccalaureate Degree. This investment is made possible through a Trust Agreement between former Apex High School teacher and coach, Robert Ray Pittard, and WakeEd Partnership.

WakeEd's Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship is an award open to students from **Apex and Green Hope High School**.





How much is the award for the Pittard Scholarship?

Each year, the Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship has awarded \$12,500 (annually) to up to 14 student athletes from Apex and Green Hope High School.*

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
11 scholarships	11 scholarships	12 scholarships	13 scholarships	14 scholarships	14 scholarships
4 AHS recipients 7 GHHS recipients	5 renewals 2 AHS recipients 4 GHHS recipients	6 renewals 2 AHS recipients 4 GHHS recipients	7 renewals 1 AHS awardee 5 GHHS recipients	4 renewals 6 AHS recipients 4 GHHS recipients	6 renewals 4 AHS recipients 4 GHHS recipients

Inclusive of renewal applicants

ONCE A SCHOLAR,
ALWAYS A SCHOLAR

**All scholarship recipients will be invited to re-apply three times.*



Student Eligibility

To be considered for The Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Participated/lettered in at least one full season of a varsity sport;
- Demonstrated achievement in academics, leadership, and community service;
- Must be a United States citizen or legal resident;
- Intend to work full-time toward a Baccalaureate Degree at an accredited institution following high school graduation in 2024;
- Must have at least a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

APPLICATION PROCESS DETAILS



Application Process

Students submit online application, including:

- Resume
- High School Transcript
 - Transcripts should include Fall 2023 final grades
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - HS teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator (Professional)
 - HS coach, athletic director, community leader
- 1 Essay
- 1 Short Answer Question

Once applications close, the selection committee will review applications. Selected students will be invited to interview. The judging panel will interview, and the recipients will be notified and awarded.



Resume

Paints the BIG picture of who you are in and out of the classroom

- Volunteerism
- Athleticism
- Leadership Experience
- Work Experience (Paid Positions, if any)
- Awards Received (Academic, Athletic, Civil)
- SAT/ACT Scores

Reach out to your CDC, counselor, teachers, or parents to review your resume.



Letters of Recommendation

Two distinct letters, written by individuals who know you in a variety of ways.

Letters must include:

- Athleticism
- Leadership Capacity

Letters may also include:

- Academic Ability
- Personal Character Traits

Letters should not exceed **ONE** page.



Letters of Recommendation

Each applicant will need **TWO** Letters of Recommendation.

- HS teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator, or supervisor
- HS coach, athletic director, or community leader

Letters should include a formal letterhead. All letters will be uploaded online and should be PDFs or DOC files.

Applicants should notify and request Letters of Recommendation as early as possible. **Applications are not completed until BOTH Letters of Recommendation are submitted.**



Letters of Recommendation – Example

Letters of recommendation reflect intense knowledge of the student, their aptitude, and their character. The author speaks with sincerity, clarity, and confidence about the student. The letter provides clear detail and offers examples that speak to the author's confidence in the applicant.

During this time of a global pandemic and on-line learning, _____ has distinguished herself as someone who always has her camera on and someone who always participates with insight and depth in our whole-class discussions. As the Athletic Director, I have also watched _____ as an athlete for four years. She has always been someone who gives a maximum effort and someone who has demonstrated leadership qualities even as a freshman. I know that she has a strong interest in pursuing physical therapy as a career and part of this stems from her participation in athletics and some injuries and rehabilitation of those injuries. _____ is like an extra coach out there. If she has been unable to compete in meets, she does statistics, keeps time, and generally shadows our coaching staff and helps them out at practices and on meet days. When healthy, she is one of our premier athletes and to see her leadership and consistently positive and energetic attitude when things go well and also when they don't go well has been a true testament to her strong character. I'm really looking forward to seeing her out on the track and doing the pole vault in a few weeks.



Responses to the essay prompt can be submitted as a written or video response.

- Written Response
 - Must Not Exceed 750 words
- Video Response
 - Suggested Length of 3 to 4 minutes
 - Maximum Length of 5 minutes

It is highly encouraged that applicants should have another person (teacher, counselor, or another adult) proofread or review their essay responses.

Please ensure that all files are available for viewing or your application will be disqualified.



Essay - Example

Essays fully reflect on the applicant's academic challenges that they have faced, as well as their leadership and character growth over time. All essays are reflective, and provide a depth of understanding, helping to paint succinct and vivid images for the readers.

At the end of my junior year, I was voted varsity captain by my teammates, which furthered my growth even more. I figured out how to effectively lead a large group of people, and how to connect and bring out the best in each of them. Especially during the pandemic, I made sure I knew how to individually encourage each of my teammates. I held team pasta dinners virtually, and spread the word about any possible meets with the whole team. I would also connect teammates with others of similar speed, attitude, or just who I thought would get along well. On race day, I also learned how to bring out everyone's strengths, and help them overcome what they believed to be their weaknesses. I would help them figure out race strategies based on what I knew about them, and help them stay calm on the start line.

As a member of the varsity team, I found that a great attitude could be more critical to group success than talent. I can push myself and others toward greatness through mutual support and a team attitude. This ideology has been critical to my academic growth in high school, as it has taught me that every person in a group has their own strengths and weaknesses, and that in order to lead a group you must incorporate everyone's assets as best you can.

SCORING CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS



Scoring Criteria

Applicant's will be scored using the following criteria:

- Academic History
- Resume & Athletics
- Essay or Video Response
- Short Answer Response
- Letters of Recommendation

0 Insufficient	1 Emerging	2 Acceptable	3 Proficient	4 Exemplary
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IMPORTANT DATES



Important Dates

- Applications Open on February 1, 2024
- Applications Close on March 3, 2024
 - No applications accepted after 11:59 PM EST on March 3rd, 2024
- Invitations to Interview – Week of March 18 – 22, 2024
- Interview – Weeks of April 1 – 12, 2024
 - Interviews will take place in person at Apex or Green Hope
 - Renewal applicant interviews will be virtual
- Notification of Awards – Week of April 15 – 19, 2024

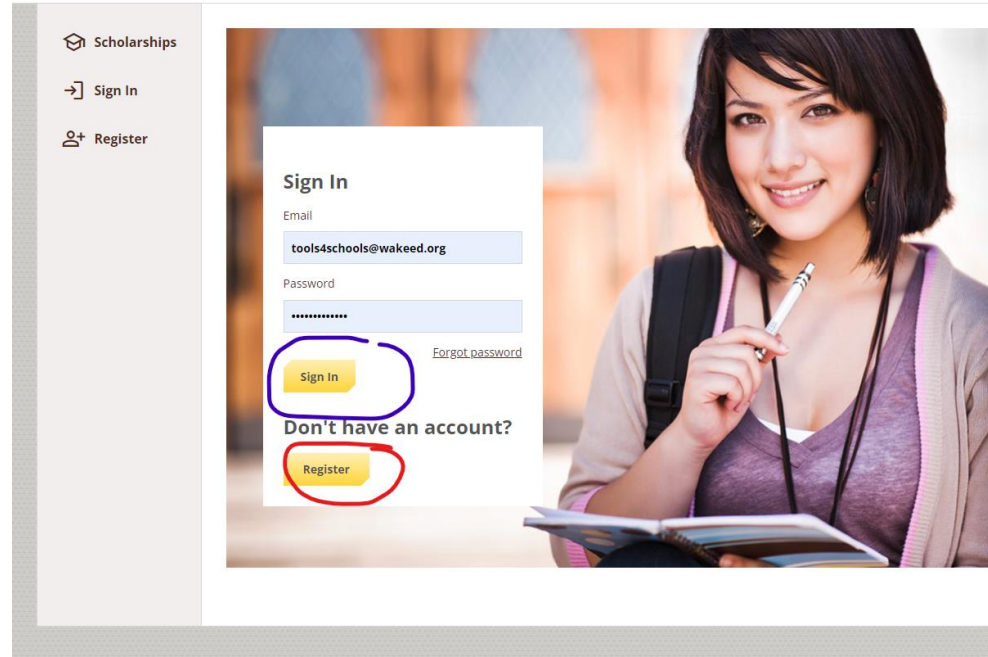
*****All dates are tentative*****

APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Visit www.wakeed.awardspring.org

- New Applicants
 - Register for an account
 - Login using desired credentials
- Renewal Applicants
 - Use existing credentials to login
 - No account? Register for an account
 - Login using desired credentials

WakeEd Partnership



The screenshot shows a web interface for the WakeEd Partnership. On the left, a navigation menu includes 'Scholarships', 'Sign In', and 'Register'. The main content area features a 'Sign In' form with fields for 'Email' (containing 'tools4schools@wakeed.org') and 'Password'. A 'Sign In' button is circled in blue. Below the form, a 'Don't have an account?' section contains a 'Register' button circled in red. A 'Forgot password' link is also visible. The background of the page shows a smiling young woman with a backpack, holding a pen and a notebook.



Once logged in, applicants will be prompted with this screen. If you are a [new applicant](#), click "Apply" for Pittard Scholarship 2024 – New Applicants.

If you are a [returning applicant](#), click "Apply" for Pittard Scholarship 2024 – Renewal Applicants.

The screenshot shows a user interface with two main sections. On the left, a light blue box contains the text "Stay tuned!" and "Applications are currently closed." with a clock icon. On the right, a white box titled "You have 2 item(s) to complete" lists two items: "Pittard Scholarship 2024 - New Applicants" and "Pittard Scholarship 2024 - Renewal Applicants", both with "Due 3/3/2024" and an "Apply" button. The first item is highlighted in yellow.

Stay tuned!
Applications are currently closed.

You have 2 item(s) to complete

- Pittard Scholarship 2024 - New Applicants**
Due 3/3/2024 [Apply](#)
- Pittard Scholarship 2024 - Renewal Applicants**
Due 3/3/2024 [Apply](#)

Submit Application

Overview

WakeEd Partnership ("WakeEd") works to ensure that students receive a high-quality education that sets them up for success after high school. In 2018, WakeEd established its first scholarship program and this continued support enables students to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree.

The Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Apex High School and Green Hope High School, located in Wake County, North Carolina who, during their high school years, participated for at least one full season in a varsity sport and received a varsity letter. The value of the scholarship(s), which may be renewable for an additional three years, will be for a maximum of \$12,500 per academic year. To learn more about the Coach Bob Pittard Scholarship, visit <https://www.wakeed.org/programs/scholarships/>

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DISCLAIMER: Responses and entries toward this scholarship process may be utilized externally by WakeEd Partnership as promotional and testimonial material. Any extract of submissions from any component will be anonymous and will not have identifying information.

Quick Facts



Apply by Mar 03, 2024



Questions?

- For technical issues, reach out to AwardSpring (support@awardspring.org)
- For issues with the application, reach out to Sheneika Simmons (ssimmons@wakeed.org)
- For any additional comments, questions, or concerns, reach out to Sheneika Simmons (ssimmons@wakeed.org)