



MISMO GYMNASTICS, INC Scholarship Fund Program

The mission at Mismo is a changing and evolving philosophy that stretches and grows according to the dreams and expectations of all of our stakeholders. We believe life presents a wide variety of challenges which people aren't always naturally prepared to handle. Therefore, at Mismo, we have created an **ENVIRONMENT FULL OF FUN** and **CHALLENGES** to help people develop strategies for attaining success. Life cannot be devoid of conflict, danger and question. We strive to create an environment where **challenge is embraced, and joy comes from learning**. We believe that teaching and learning flourish amidst a **LOVING COMMUNITY** motivated by **ENTHUSIASM**. We help children identify and excel at their strengths, while working at their weaknesses with a "hard work" attitude. We sincerely intend to **enrich the lives** we touch to the greatest of our human ability.

We believe through the sports of Gymnastics, Dance, Cheer, and Ninja; kids will develop self-esteem, perseverance, team building and self discipline. By working every day towards a physical goal, our kids develop life skills such as perseverance and attention to detail.

Mismo believes the benefits of each of these sports should be available to all children. To aid in this effort, three scholarship funds have been made possible by the generosity of past customers, sponsors, individuals, and others who want to give something back to the children of the Missoula community who otherwise might not be able to experience these benefits due to various circumstances beyond their control.

Tuition Assistance: available to current recreational class members as well as families who are new to Mismo. This scholarship is awarded based on financial need. Scholarship awards are determined using a sliding income scale, availability of funds, and may be a partial or full award.

Special Needs Assistance: available to current members as well as families who are new to Mismo. This scholarship is designed to make our classes available to all children regardless of their individual ability. Scholarship awards are based on need, availability of funds, and may be a partial or full award.

Competitive Team Member Assistance: available to current members of a competitive team at Mismo. This scholarship intent is to bridge temporary disruptions in a member's financial situation. This would allow athletes to continue their training while their family is experiencing temporary financial hardship. This scholarship is awarded for a period not to exceed 6 months. In order to be eligible for this scholarship the athlete must be a current team member, and the parent/guardian account in good financial standing, for a period of at least 90 days. Scholarships are awarded based on need, availability of funds, and may be a partial or full award.



MISMO GYMNASTICS, INC
Scholarship Application Policies & Procedures
Tuition Assistance

Instructions

1. Complete application form--families requesting scholarship funds for multiple children, must complete a separate application form for each child.
2. Provide a letter from parent or guardian requesting scholarship funds and detailing reason for request. Please include all details you feel will help us determine your need and qualification for a scholarship.
3. Please provide a list of areas where you and your family members are able and willing to volunteer at Mismo should the need arise, please explain those capabilities.
4. Parent or guardian must provide most recent Tax Return and evidence of a financial need which may include:
 - a. Layoff notice
 - b. Social Security disability statements
 - c. Proof of acceptance into the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program or WIC
 - d. Paycheck stubs
 - e. Aid for Dependant Children Award
 - f. Medical records
 - g. Notice of eligibility from Adult and Family Services, or Social Security qualification
5. Gather any additional documentation that may be relevant
6. Mail all of the information above via certified mail with tracking to:

Mismo Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 586
Evington, VA 24550

If any additional information is requested, you must mail the information to the scholarship committee and have it postmarked within 15 days of request. All information and documents will be kept in a secure location and will be kept confidential.



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Scholarship Application Policies & Procedures
Special Needs Assistance

Instructions

1. Complete application form--families requesting scholarship funds for multiple children, must complete a separate application form for each child.
2. Provide a letter from parent or guardian requesting scholarship funds and detailing reason for request. Please include all details you feel will help us determine your need and qualification for a scholarship.
3. Please provide a list of areas where you and your family members are able and willing to volunteer at Mismo should the need arise, please explain those capabilities.
4. Please provide information documenting the special challenges the child faces and current therapies. Examples may include:
 - a. Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP)
 - b. Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - c. Behavior Support Plans
 - d. Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Plans
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Scholarship Application Policies & Procedures
Competitive Team Member Assistance

Instructions

1. Complete application form--families requesting scholarship funds for multiple children, must complete a separate application form for each child.
2. Provide a letter from parent or guardian requesting scholarship funds and detailing reason for request. Please include all details you feel will help us determine your need and qualification for a scholarship.
3. The athlete must provide a paragraph about what being on the team at Mismo Gymnastics means to them.
4. Please provide a list of areas where you and your family members are able and willing to volunteer at Mismo should the need arise, please explain those capabilities.
5. Parent or guardian must provide most recent Tax Return and evidence of a financial need which may include:
 - a. Layoff notice
 - b. Social Security disability statements
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Expectations

1. Families receiving assistance are expected to pay the annual registration fee and be members in good standing.
2. Current members of Mismo applying for scholarship funds must be in good financial standing. Scholarship awards cannot be applied retroactively.
3. Families must also adhere to due dates for tuition and other fees. Failure to do so may result in the assistance being revoked and an inability to re-apply.
4. Applicants must conduct themselves as responsible members of the Mismo community. Additionally, regular attendance is required. Should the child's coach or a Mismo Leadership Team member determine otherwise, the scholarship may be terminated at any time.
5. Recipient families agree to be notified of volunteer needs of Mismo and serve when capable. Examples may include: local competition tear down & set up, gym cleaning, provide professional assistance, etc.

Notification

1. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate the application and respond to the applying family within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the completed application package.
2. Families are responsible for informing the Mismo Scholarship Committee via email or in writing of any changes in income or circumstance within 30 days of the occurrence of the change.
3. If an applicant is declined, re-application may not occur for 6 months.
4. If a recipient's scholarship is terminated due to failure to keep their portion of their account current or for failure to conduct themselves as responsible members, re-application is not available.

Renewal of scholarship is not automatic. Families must re-apply in order to qualify for additional assistance.



Scholarship Application Form

Student's Name: _____ D.O.B: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian Applying: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Current Mismo member: ___ Yes ___ NO

If no, has your child participated in gymnastics classes at Mismo before? ___ Yes ___ NO

Class your child wishes to attend: _____

Type of Scholarship applying for:

_____ Tuition Assistance

_____ Special Needs Assistance

_____ Competitive Team Member Assistance

Monthly Tuition Assistance Amount Requested: \$ _____

How much are you able to pay each month? \$ _____

How many months are you requesting support for? _____

Signature of Applicant (s): _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist:

___ Completed Application

___ Letter from Parent or Guardian requesting assistance and detailing need (including team member paragraph if applicable)

___ Copy of most recent tax returns (IRS Federal return 1040)

___ Other evidence of financial need (i.e. Federal free & reduced lunch program, WIC, Family Services, Etc.)

___ Any additional documentation that may be relevant

___ If you are not a current Mismo member you must complete a registration form and submit it to the Mismo office.

All required information must be submitted before the application can be processed. Additional information may be requested after application submission.



Scholarship Application

Please Carefully Read About Scholarship Parameters

Mismo is happy to be providing scholarships to deserving individuals who otherwise may not have the opportunity to learn and grow in the beautiful sport of gymnastics, cheer, dance or ninja! This Scholarship Fund has been made possible by contributions from past customers, sponsors, individuals, and others who want to give something back to their sport and make it possible for less fortunate children.

MAKE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COUNT

- The Mismo Scholarship Committee will review your financial data provided within, to determine eligibility.
- Student/athlete “coachable” qualities include: **attendance, dedication to the activity and work ethic** are heavily considered when making scholarship decisions. We may ask for feedback from your child’s current instructor/coach, if we feel further information is needed.
- Scholarships are awarded for a **defined period of time**. After your scholarship period expires, re-application is required for additional support.
- Scholarships are awarded for **tuition only** and specifically exclude other costs such as annual membership fees, apparel, competition fees, travel costs, etc. unless fundraising opportunities have not been made available through the individual team Booster Clubs. It is highly recommended all team members participate in fundraising opportunities.
- **Your account must be current**. Accounts having a past due balance will not be considered.
- All scholarship information & eligibility will remain **confidential** at Mismo. In return we ask you to do the same, any information shared with other customers will result in losing your scholarship privileges.
- Scholarships are **not transferable** family to family nor sibling to sibling.
- Scholarships are for the intended/known class(es) at time of application only, any additional class added after the scholarship is awarded will be charged at the full regular rate.
- Be sure to fill out the application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
- It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to immediately inform the Mismo Scholarship Committee via email or in writing** of changes to your income or circumstance within 30 days of the occurrence of the change.
- Please expect all scholarship decisions to take 30 days.
- Limited funds are available. Scholarships are awarded in various amounts; not all aid is equivalent to full tuition.
- **Scholarships may be rescinded at any time for any reason** including: a delinquent account, a change in your financial circumstances, students coaching ability and dedication declines, poor attendance, or breach of confidentiality!
- You will be notified via U.S. mail or Email after the application has been reviewed. The Scholarship Committee will notify the Office Manager of all awarded assistance
- Please return completed application via certified mail with tracking to:

Mismo Scholarship Committee

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