

Functional Performance Scholarship Guidelines and Process

The scholarship aims to support adapted athletes facing financial obstacles in accessing gym memberships, promoting their participation in functional performance activities to improve their overall well-being.

Who Qualifies for the Scholarship?

The scholarship is intended for adapted athletes facing financial hardships that hinder their ability to pay for gym memberships. Financial hardship is defined as:

1. Fixed income: Individuals with a limited and consistent income.
2. Accident or injury leading to job loss for three or more months.
3. Global pandemics such as a COVID outbreak affecting employment.
4. Sickness of the applicant or their family member causing financial strain.
5. Unexpected job loss.

Applicants must submit a brief essay detailing their past workout experiences and the barriers preventing them from full participation. They should also discuss how functional performance can enhance their well-being.

Award Amount and Criteria

The award amount will be determined by the funds available within the scholarship account. It may cover full or partial scholarships, with the possibility of multiple scholarships being awarded. Awards will be provided in three-month increments, up to six months, before a request for continuation is needed. The Scholarship Committee will assess and determine awards based on available funds and the athlete's commitment and financial need.

Process

1. Rolling Acceptance: Applications will be accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis depending on applicant needs and available funds.
2. Submission: Applicants must submit their applications to the Scholarship Committee via email to kubiak013@gannon.edu.
3. Review: The Scholarship Committee will review applications as received. With consensus of the committee, the committee will determine the award amount and term. Without consensus, the Scholarship Committee will move the vote to the Functional Performance Board. Continuation of the scholarship will be based on the applicant's commitment and demonstrated financial need, and it will be subject to a vote by the Functional Performance Board.

4. Notification: Awardees will be notified promptly after their application has been reviewed and a decision has been made.

5. Continuation: If an awardee wishes to continue for the second term, they must complete a request for continuation. Approval will be granted if the awardee has met the minimum participation requirements. Special consideration will be given to unique circumstances.