

Orlando Ponce Scholarship Foundation Guidelines

“The Orlando Ponce Scholarship Foundation (OPSF) wants to reward the Minnesota Wrestling Community for hard work on the mat, involvement in the community and performance in the classroom. I am proud to announce that the OPSF is offering full scholarships to attend the Augsburg Wrestling Academy’s Fall, Winter and Spring programs. Participants meeting all program requirements are eligible for a \$200 savings bond.”

-Orlando Ponce, Scholarship Founder

In order to reward those wrestlers who have put in the time and effort to achieve success. Applicants must send completed applications directly to:

oponce@augwaregistration.com

Or, mail to:

Orlando Ponce Scholarship Foundation

11225 Maryland Ave. N

Champlin, MN 55316

Scholarships are effective for the 2016-17 Fall, Winter, and Spring Augsburg Wrestling Academy (AUGWA) programs. The OPSF will be choosing 4 scholarship candidates for each of the 3 age level AUGWA programs.

The 3 age levels are:

- A) PeeWee - Beginner Elementary Level
- B) Youth - Elementary through Middle School Level
- C) Varsity – 7th-12th Grade (High School varsity) Level

AUGWA Fall and Winter Schedules (Spring dates are pending) are attached to the application

The total scholarship funds provided to cover registration fees for an individual scholarship recipient will be:

Fall Program - \$200.00 (USD) - 10 Week Program

Winter Program - \$200.00 - 10 Week Program

Spring Program - \$200.00 - 10 Week Program

*Saving Bond with completion of program requirements - \$200.00

Program Requirement:

-Participate in 100% of program sessions, and/or in a national caliber tournament/s in replace of practice. Examples are: Cliff Keen Preseason Nationals, JJ Classic, etc.

The following are absences that will be excused by the OPSF:

- Illness - medical documentation required (note from doctor, emergency room verification, etc.).
- Funeral - funeral program, obituary notice.
- *Jury Duty - must bring in documentation or jury service or jury summons form.
- *Mandatory Court Appearance - must bring in a copy of court papers clearly stating date of appearance.
- School and School Sport Sponsored Activity - must have letter from advisor stating group name, purpose, day and time for absence.
- *Military Service
- Post-Secondary School Interviews -with appropriate documentation.

**If applicable to participant.*

Scholarship totals \$600.00 in registration funds and 30 weeks of training. Plus, a potential **\$200.00 US Federal Reserve Savings Bond.

OPSF will offer a total of \$7,200.00 in scholarship funds, 360 weeks of training, and a potential \$2,400.00 in Savings Bonds.

*\$200.00 US Federal Reserve Savings Bond will be provided to the recipient after program requirements are fulfilled. The savings bonds are encouraged to be serviced after the recipient's high school graduation and/or at 18 years of age. Savings bonds can be used for post-secondary education, business and investments ventures.

**Savings Bonds will be purchased as gifts through the US Federal Reserve, please read the following instructions below to learn more about Savings Bonds are bought as gifts:

Information is stated directly from:

https://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/planning/plan_gifts.htm

To give an electronic savings bond, you must know the recipient's:

Full name

Social Security Number (SSN) and/or taxpayer ID number

TreasuryDirect account number

When the bond is delivered to the recipient's TreasuryDirect account, he or she will get an e-mail announcing your gift.

You must be 18 or older to create a TreasuryDirect account and to buy gift bonds. A child under 18 can get gift deliveries in a Minor linked account which is established within the TreasuryDirect account of the parent or guardian.

The OPSF will be carefully selecting recipients that succeed in school, the community, and on the mat.

Considerations for the OPSF are as follows:

-Academic Achievement

-Community Involvement

-Athletic Achievements

Application deadline is on 8/22/2016.

Mailed in applications are encouraged to be sent at least 3-5 days prior to the deadline.

OPSF recipients will be announced on 8/29/2016.