



Northern Illinois Rugby Alumni Association
(NIRAA) – NFP
2019-2020 Scholarship Opportunities

NIRAA Mission: The Northern Illinois Rugby Alumni Association’s mission is to encourage leadership, sportsmanship, and passion for college level rugby and beyond. The Northern Illinois Rugby Alumni Association’s purpose is provide guidance as well as support both the Men's and Women's Rugby teams by way of student scholarships and coach stipends.

Purpose: To encourage student-athletes to become life-long members of NIU Men’s and Women’s Rugby programs. NIRAA hopes that these scholarships will help attract and encourage student-athletes to play rugby throughout their college career. Through these scholarship opportunities, NIRAA can assist student-athletes financially and ease some of the stress that come with attending university. In the application process, NIRAA requests the applicants to write an essay that is related to themselves and rugby’s impact.

Minimum requirements: Minimum GPA (Cumulative) 2.0 out of 4.0 scale

- Each scholarship will have designated applicant parameters. Overall, applicants must be Freshmen though Junior year, eligible player according to the USA Rugby Collegiate Eligibility Rules.
- Currently registered with USA Rugby.
- For each scholarship, one will be awarded to men’s team and one will be awarded to women’s team. Currently, \$500 per scholarship.
- Up-to-date dues paid member of either team.
- Forms submitted in hard copy format and received by designated deadline.
- *Note: Please keep a copy for your reference, as application packets will not be returned.*

Scholarships	Scholarship Specific Requirements
<i>Daniel Parmenter Incoming Freshman Scholarship</i>	Any incoming Freshman going to the university. That has had 1 more more years of rugby experience at the high school level.
<i>Dr. Robert McFadden Longevity Scholarship</i>	2 to 3 years of continuous participation with the club
<i>Thaddeus Hupp Executive Scholarship</i>	Any member that has shown commitment on and off the field. Applicant must have 1 full year of commitment to the executive board, as either President, Vice-President, Match Secretary, or Treasurer.
<i>Egel Family Scholarship</i>	Any NIU rugby player or recruit, with a minimum one year commitment to the sport, at the high school and/or college level. Preference may be given to a graduate of Chicago Public Schools, however, that is not required.

Please include the following in your award submission:

- 1) Proof of current registration with USA Rugby.
- 2) Short Essay – Please include both a, b, and c:
 - a) Include which scholarship you are intending on applying for and how it could impact you.
 - b) Tell us a little about yourself and your athletic achievements.
 - c) Your person, rugby-related goals at the university and beyond.
- 3) Recommendation letter from a registered team coach. This could be sent via e-mail to niraanfp@gmail.com

Review Process: All complete applications will be reviewed and candidates are evaluated based on their ability to meet the minimum requirements, the short essay, and coach recommendation letter.

Submission: Please mail your award submission to
NIRAA C/O Jennifer Hart, 23142 Judith Court, Plainfield, IL 60586

Awarding of Scholarship: The awardees will be announced before the Fall season begins. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the 1st home match of the season. The awardees will be given the scholarship in the form of a physical check, written to the awardee. Awardees can only be awarded one scholarship per year.

Applicants may direct any questions to niraanfp@gmail.com.