

# CEDAR BLUFF – FARRAGUT OPTIMIST (CBFO)

## 2026 Scholarship Application & Instructions

The Cedar Bluff - Farragut Optimist Youth Activities Organization, Inc. ("CBFO") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that organizes youth sports activities and serves the West Knoxville community. CBFO will again award a one year scholarship to assist high school seniors in the pursuit of a major or minor field of study post high school graduation.

To be considered for the annual CBFO Scholarship, the applicant must be a graduating high school senior that participated in a CBFO-sponsored sports program and must have a cumulative 3.0 Grade Point Average ("GPA") on a 4.0 scale among other requirements detailed below.

To be considered for the 2026 CBFO Scholarship, the following information must be provided by the applicant to CBFO by the required deadline:

1. Application - Fully completed CBFO Scholarship application.
2. Essay - Complete a typed essay on the following topic, containing between 400 – 500 words, demonstrating the understanding of the topic and the candidate's writing skills.

*Participation in youth and high school sports, the lessons I learned, and how it influenced and impacted my character, academic pursuits, and future career plans.*

3. Community Involvement - Students must demonstrate involvement in community and volunteer work (that can include volunteering with CBFO), non-sport extra-curricular activities, student organizations, and religious organizations.

Please list your involvement in these areas in the Application.

Also, provide a signed letter from a non-profit, 501(c)(3) – designated organization stating a minimum of five (5) hours of unpaid/volunteer work was completed by the applicant during the candidate's senior year. Please have the organization provide a contact name and phone number in the letter for verification purposes.

4. Transcript - A transcript from each high school attended, as applicable, through at least December 2025. Qualifications are determined by such factors as academic record and meeting the required minimum GPA.
5. Recommendation – A formal letter of recommendation from a current teacher, coach, or school administrator.
6. CBFO Volunteer Hours – In addition to the five (5) volunteer hours noted in 3., the applicant must also complete five (5) or more hours of unpaid/volunteer work with CBFO during the candidate's senior year. The CBFO volunteer hours must be completed prior to the due date. CBFO volunteer hours will be documented on the last page of this package. If you need to arrange to complete the CBFO volunteer hours, you can contact Van Jones ([esjones@firsthorizon.com](mailto:esjones@firsthorizon.com)) or one of the CBFO sports commissioners noted on the last page of this package.

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The following describes the deadline and directions for the receipt of the application and other required documentation (collectively, the “Scholarship Package”) noted on the previous page:

- The Scholarship Package is due by Thursday, April 30, 2026.
- The Scholarship Package will be mailed to the CBFO post office box. You can follow up with Van Jones to confirm receipt of your package by CBFO.

CBFO  
P.O. Box 24441  
Knoxville, TN 37933

- The CBFO Scholarship Committee will complete their review of each Scholarship Package submitted by candidates and make a recommendation to the CBFO Board.
- The CBFO Board, which has the final authority, will make the final selection of the recipients of the 2026 CBFO Scholarship.
- The CBFO Board will provide notification to the recipients soon after the selection. The award is expected to be communicated in May 2026 and will be presented at each recipient’s school’s awards ceremony.

If you have any questions about the CBFO Scholarship or the application process, including the deadline and delivery of the Scholarship Package, please contact Van Jones:

Email: [esjones@firsthorizon.com](mailto:esjones@firsthorizon.com)  
Phone: (901)-574-3106

Completion of items 1 – 6 on the first page does not guaranty receipt of scholarship monies.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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CBFO will award scholarships to graduating high school seniors that participated in CBFO's youth sports programs. To be considered for the scholarship, please complete this application and submit it, along with the other requirements, by the required deadline.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ CBFO Sport(s) Played: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Siblings in College (2026): \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: GPA \* \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Sports Played: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Plan to Pursue: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Objective / Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Relevant Information You Would Like to Share with the Scholarship Committee:

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\* Should match GPA on transcript provided.

I hereby release CBFO, its Board and Members, and/or my school of any liability associated with the use of information obtained in connection with the application for this scholarship. Further, I expressly grant CBFO authority to use general information for press release purposes in announcing the recipients of the scholarship.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contacts for Each CBFO Sport to Volunteer:

Basketball – Kari Dunn: [cbfo.basketball@gmail.com](mailto:cbfo.basketball@gmail.com)

Cheerleading – Dana Jacobs: [farragutyouthcheercbfo@gmail.com](mailto:farragutyouthcheercbfo@gmail.com)

Football – Devin Driscoll: [farragutyouthfootball@gmail.com](mailto:farragutyouthfootball@gmail.com)

Softball – Tim Seaton & Tiffany Vargas: [softball@cbfsoftball.org](mailto:softball@cbfsoftball.org)

You do not have to volunteer with the sport you played. In the spring, the only sport that is in season is Softball.

| CBFO Volunteer Hours (Minimum 5 hours) |                 |                           |
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| CBFO Sport                             | Number of Hours | CBFO Commissioner Signoff |
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| Non-CBFO Volunteer Hours (Include Letter in Scholarship Package for each) |                 |                                    |
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| Organization  | Number of Hours | Sign-off Supervisor / Phone Number |
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