



## The Game Changer Athlete Scholarship

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Presented at:** The Game Changer Ball, Feb 2027

**Purpose:** To honor student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional leadership, character, and community spirit, while pursuing excellence in academics and athletics.

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### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior in the Lubbock area.
  - Have participated in at least one varsity-level including Basketball or Volleyball.
  - Intend to continue their education at a two- or four-year college or university.
  - Exhibit strong character, leadership, and community involvement.
  - Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent).
  - Must be able to accept the award in person at the event.
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### Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Completed Application Form** (including personal and academic information).
2. **Essay (500–650 words)** addressing the prompt:

*“How has athletics shaped your character and prepared you to be a game changer in your community?”*

Include your future goals, where you plan to attend college, and how this scholarship will help you pursue them.

3. **Letter of Recommendation** from a **coach** or **athletic mentor** addressing your work ethic, leadership, and integrity.
  4. **Official High School Transcript** or most recent report card.
  5. **Summary of Financial Need**, briefly describing your family or personal financial situation and any other scholarships received or applied for.
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## Selection Process

### 1. Nomination:

- Student-athletes may be nominated by a coach, athletic director, or community leader.
- Self-nominations are accepted with a coach's letter of recommendation.

### 2. Review Committee:

- The selection committee will include representatives from **Lubbock Game Changers**, community partners, and at least one independent educator.
- Applications will be reviewed and scored based on a rubric (below).

### 3. Evaluation Rubric:

- **Essay Quality & Depth** – 40%
- **Leadership & Character** – 25%
- **Athletic & Academic Achievement** – 20%
- **Financial Need** – 15%

### 4. Finalist Interviews (optional):

- Top 3–5 finalists may be invited for a short interview with the selection committee.

### 5. Award Presentation:

- The \$5,000 scholarship recipient will be announced and honored at **The Game Changer Ball**.

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## Questions and Contact for Application Submission

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**The Game Changer Athlete Scholarship  
APPLICATION**

Applicant Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
High School:	
GPA:	
Varsity Sport (Basketball or Volleyball):	
Position:	
College/University to attend:	
Date Application Submitted:	
Essay Enclosed:	Yes ___
Letter of Recommendation Enclosed:	Yes ___
Transcript or latest report card Enclosed:	Yes ___
Summary of Financial Need (attach separate sheet if needed)	
If selected, I can be present on TBD.	Yes, I can be present to receive my award on at the event