



The Game Changer Athlete Scholarship

Award Amount: \$5,000

Presented at: The Game Changer Ball, March 5, 2026

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

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 on March 5, 2026.

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.

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**.

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 <input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of Recommendation Enclosed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Transcript or latest report card Enclosed:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Financial Need (attach separate sheet if needed)	
If selected, I can be present on March 5, 2026.	Yes, I can be present to received my award on March 5, 2026. <input type="checkbox"/>