

Application Rules and Procedures

Eligibility Criteria

- **Committed to running:** You must be a dedicated runner who participates in a school track or cross-country team.
- **Volunteer requirement:** Scholarship winners are required to volunteer at the Oneness Run event on June 6, 2026, in order to receive their scholarship.
- **Illinois residency:** You must be an Illinois resident, and your parents or legal guardians must file taxes in Illinois.
- **Financial documentation:** Winners must provide proof of their annual household income and household size.
- **Academic use:** All scholarship funds must be used for academic purposes only.

Evaluation Criteria

- Academic achievement
- Community involvement
- Quality of submitted essays
- Extent of volunteering or participation in the Oneness Run

Application Procedure

- Applicants must be prepared to submit academic transcripts and documentation of their involvement or commitment to running.
- Essays must be original and cannot be generated by AI tools such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini, or others.
- Upon receipt of your application, the Oneness Run Scholarship Committee will send you an email confirmation. The committee may contact applicants or references for additional information as needed.
- The Oneness Run Scholarship Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate all applications before making recommendations to the Oneness Run board.
- Winners will be notified by the end of May 2026.
- Scholarship checks will be distributed on June 6, 2026.

Commitment to Inclusivity

The Oneness Run is committed to inclusivity and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, or any other protected characteristic. All applicants are welcome and encouraged to apply.