

**SHADES Association**  
**Founder's Scholarship**  
**2018 – 2019**

SHADES Association Founder's Scholarship includes:

- \$500 to athlete's gym/program (currently enrolled)  
(can be applied toward billable expenses including tuition for said athlete's account; if athlete is fully sponsored by gym/program an IFA will be set up in families name with SHADES\*)
- Recognition on all SHADES Association website and social media
- Recognition at Annual SHADES Association Gala
- Special invites to SHADES Association sponsor events
- Letter of Award
- 2 tickets to Annual SHADES Association Gala

Application Criteria:

- Must be enrolled as an all-star cheer athlete in the Houston area (all levels and ages considered)
- Submit SHADES Scholarship Application located on SHADES Association website by deadline
- Submit all required documentation on or before the deadline

Requirements:

- **Transcript/Record Card:** Submit an unofficial transcript/record card. Overall GPA needs to be 3.5 or above (high school academic track will NOT be taken into consideration). For those not in high school or grades not calculated by GPA, overall grades need to be A/Bs.
- **Essay:** Submit a 500-word essay explaining how you have or will impact the sport of cheer, your commitment to community, as well as your future goals. Provide any additional information including, school, community service, and cheer accomplishments in which you believe will help the selection committee make a well-informed decision.
- **3 Letters of Recommendation:** 1 from previous coach, 1 from current coach, and one from teach/mentor; have them submitted by the application deadline.
- **Strength of Character:** Submit profile handles to social media platforms for which you belong (for those that have social media controlled by a parent; please submit those)

**Application along with all documentation must be submitted by the deadline to:**

**[scholarships@shadesassociation.org](mailto:scholarships@shadesassociation.org)**

\* Must accept membership into SHADES if awarded scholarship & funds cannot be applied toward gym/program fees due to sponsorship (membership fee waived)