



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026

The Foothills Striders' Scholarship Application Form, supporting documentation and reference letters must be postmarked by **April 20, 2026**. Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

Awardees will be notified in May 2026 by phone and by snail mail. Payments will be made to each student's financial aid office at the beginning of the fall semester. All others will be notified by snail mail.

**Mail complete scholarship application package to:**

**Kathy Nash, Ed.D.  
1120 Elsborn Ridge Road  
Maryville, TN 37801-9330**

**Reference letters need to be mailed to:**

Foothills Striders will award to high school seniors scholarships based on the following criteria.

### **Criteria for Selection – The Student:**

- Must be a resident of Blount County.
- Graduating from a high school located in Blount County.
- Has an unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Accepted to a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher learning.
- Showed involvement in biking, hiking, and/or running either through a school team or a community/church group. This includes participation in organized events such as track meets, cross country events, and road or trail races.
- Completed the Foothills Striders' Scholarship Application Form and provided supporting documentation.

### **Submit Package to Include the Following:**

- Foothills Striders' Scholarship Application Form,
- Official transcripts,
- List of biking, hiking, and/or running events to include month/year and location,
- List of awards, extra-curricular and community activities, plus work experience,
- Copy of school's acceptance letter, and
- An essay that includes the answers to the three questions, not to exceed two pages and double-spaced.
- Plus, two letters of recommendations – **mailed separately** – from people unrelated to you, who can attest to your involvement in biking, hiking and/or running.

### **Essay Questions:**

1. What impact has your sport (biking, hiking and/or running) had on your life?
2. How do you think your sport will affect you in the future?
3. What are your plans for the future?

### **Notes:**

- **Please inform your references of the postmark deadline.**
- The decisions of the scholarship selection panel are final.
- Application packages will be shredded after students have been notified.
- Contact your school – if not in your acceptance letter – for your Student ID Number.



# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

All documentation must be postmarked by April 20, 2026!

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Institution of Higher Learning: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Financial Aid Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation Included:

- Official Transcripts
- List of Biking, Hiking and/or Running Events
- List of Awards, Extra-Curricular and Community Activities, plus Work Experience
- Copy of School's Acceptance Letter
- Essay (Please sign and date!)
- Contacted people who have agreed to write a letter of recommendation. Please provide names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Foothills Striders Club? Yes, I am a member of the club.  No, I am not.