

Jeanne Ehn Spirit of Excellence Scholarship Guidelines:

This scholarship/award for high school cheerleaders was created to recognize the positive life skills of serving others and showing exemplary leadership. The applicant's qualities addressed in the essay and letters of recommendation are ones that will take the applicant into life where they will have the ability to make a difference, handle adversity, and help others to achieve success.

General Information:

- One-year, non-renewable scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to a single graduating cheerleader in the class of the current graduation year.
 - Applicant's coach must be a present member of the ICCA.
 - Applicant must have a cumulative 3.25 grade point average or above by the end of his/her junior year (DO NOT round up to 3.25).
 - Applicant must follow all scholarship guidelines.
 - Complete all information on white paper using dark print.
 - Candidates may apply for the Jeanne Ehn Spirit of Excellence Scholarship AND the ICCA Academic Scholarship; however, they are not allowed to win both.

Guidelines for Scholarship Application

- Include completed basic application form. It MUST HAVE a coach's signature. (Send 1 copy.) [Click here to print out a scholarship application.](#)
- Include ONE PAGE listing high school, community, and religious activities, including the years of participation (such as 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.) Separate SQUAD community service work and INDIVIDUAL community service work. List any honors received for community service work. (Cheer coach must verify this list with signature. Send 3 copies)
- Include ONE PAGE essay covering the statement, "What I have gained from being involved in community service and how it has made me a better cheerleader and person." (Send 3 copies.)
- Include ONE PAGE letters of recommendations, ONE from each of the following:
 - * Individual in charge of community service efforts
 - * School administrator or teacher

- Note: Letters of recommendation from cheer coaches are ONLY accepted if the cheer coach is also involved in community service activities. (For example, the cheer coach is also the 4H leader or NHS sponsor.)
- Recommendations should address who the cheerleader is OUTSIDE of cheerleading, as well as the applicant's responsibility, leadership qualities, contributions to team and/or school spirit, and special qualities. (Send 3 copies of each letter).
- Include a letter from the High School Guidance Counselor, indicating grade point average through the end of junior year. This should be signed by the Guidance Counselor and Principal. This letter does NOT qualify as a letter of recommendation. **Do NOT send official transcripts.**
- Coaches should mail all application materials in ONE PACKAGE postmarked by February 15 of the current school year to:

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