

Scholarship for Champions

Guidelines

The Scholarship for Champions program was established in 2005 and is a collaboration between Reliant Energy Retail Services, LLC (Reliant) and the Houston Texans. The program is designed to recognize Houston-area high school students for the leadership and dedication in academics, athletics and citizenship.

The scholarship will reward exemplary academic performance, superior demonstration of athletic ability and community service by a diverse group of high school seniors planning to enter full-time an accredited four-year college or university.

We're committed to supporting and celebrating the diversity of outstanding student athletes from Houston-area high schools.

Awards

A total of 6 scholarships at \$10,000 each will be awarded to 6 student-athletes that are Seniors from local Houston Area schools. Awards will be made solely based on merit.

The \$10,000 scholarship is payable directly to the awardee's college or university. It may not make separate disbursement to pay for any expenses, including books and other materials required by the institutions at which awardees enroll. The award will be paid out in one payment and can be applied to tuition, room and board, fees, and other costs as determined by the student's university. The award can only be applied toward earning a bachelor's degree.

Eligibility

In order for a student-athlete to be eligible for this scholarship he or she must be nominated by a coach, teacher or school administrator (of the school in which the student-athlete is currently enrolled.) All entries submitted for consideration must be completed online by the coach, teacher or administrator by visiting <http://scholarship.myreliantenergy.com/> and completing the one-page application. Coaches, teachers and administrators may nominate multiple students. The student-athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. The student-athlete must be a full-time high school student located in the Houston area and scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2026.
2. The student-athlete must be planning to pursue a college degree and be enrolled in college in the fall semester of 2026.
3. The student-athlete must have participated in a varsity sport between August 1, 2024 and the present.
4. The student-athlete must demonstrate high scholastic achievement. (For example, a 3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale or a "B" average.)
5. The student-athlete must be nominated by a coach, teacher, or administrator on or before **January 31, 2026.**

Judging and Selection Process

Each nomination submitted on or before **January 31, 2026** will be reviewed and judged based in the following categories. A score of 1 – 10 will be assessed by the judges based on the content submitted on the nomination application. Each category is weighted as noted and a total score will be tallied for each student-athlete. The top six student-athletes with the highest scores will be selected to receive a scholarship. In the event of a tie, the G.P.A. may be used by the judges to determine the final winners. All decisions are within the sole discretion of the judges and Reliant.

Categories:

Athletics (20%):

Student-athlete nominees must demonstrate a passion for athletics by helping improve team morale and success from August 1, 2025 to the present. Note: The degree of the student's athletic ability will not be considered.

Leadership (10%):

Student-athlete nominees must be proven leaders in athletics, academics, and community involvement.

Ethics (10%):

Student-athlete nominees must conduct themselves, both on and off the field/court, in a manner that demonstrates integrity to themselves, their teams, and their schools.

Community Involvement (10%):

Consideration shall be given for participation in community involvement, in which the student-athlete nominees have had an opportunity to demonstrate qualities of leadership (starting no later than August 1, 2024 to the present).

A Compelling Story (50%):

Student-athlete nominees must also have a compelling story to share. For example, nominees may have overcome a personal challenge, persevered through the rigors of high school athletics, overcome the challenges of an economically disadvantaged area, or be a first-generation college bound student, etc.)