

# CJ Buckley Sailing Scholarship Guidelines for Application and Annual Renewal

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## History:

The CJ Buckley Regatta and Sailing Scholarship Fund were established in 2003 to celebrate and honor the life of CJ Buckley, a passionate GBSA sailor and team racer, who lost his battle with brain cancer in 2002. The regatta has grown to become one of the largest youth team race competitions in the world. It has served as the Club 420 Association's National Junior Team Race Championship since 2009. The Greenwich Bay Sailing Association (GBSA) and the East Greenwich Yacht Club (EGYC) have hosted the regatta and the scholarship has continued to support the development of dedicated young sailors on Narragansett Bay.

## CJ Buckley Scholarship:

The CJ Buckley Sailing Scholarship is granted to students who show passion, promise and commitment to the sport of sailing. The scholarship is merit and need based. It is meant to help pay tuition for the student enrolled in a full-time junior sailing program on Narragansett Bay that is a member of NBYA. It is intended to be a perpetual award – renewable annually – until the recipient opts or ages out (does not reach the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during the calendar year). The CJ Scholarship Fund is supported entirely by net proceeds from the CJ Regatta and generous contributions from donors and sponsors.

## Guidelines:

### Applicant Qualifications:

1. Should be recommended by a sailing enthusiast - coach, teacher, relative or friend.
2. Must be a full-time participant in a junior sailing program that is a member of NBYA.
3. Must be between 10-17 yrs. of age.
4. Must demonstrate ability and dedication to the sport.

### Selection and Renewal Process:

1. The Scholarship Committee will review the application forms and select the new recipient/s. The committee will make all decisions. A brief summary of the decision (confidential) will be included in the candidate's file.
2. The Committee may contact the candidate or supporter during the selection process if more information is needed.
3. Since official financial documents have never been requested, need will be assessed by the program directors on the Bay after appropriate consultation.
3. The number of scholarships awarded annually, and the amount of each stipend (a flat rate) will depend on the applicant pool and the available funds. In case of a shortfall, prior recipients will be given priority over new applicants.
5. The Committee will review the annual scholarship renewal form submitted by each recipient, including coach/supporter recommendation assessing performance, ability and potential. The committee will decide whether the extension is approved.

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## **Recipient Expectations**

1. Recipients will be expected to abide by the NBYA Code of Conduct during the award period. Award will be terminated if he/she fails to demonstrate acceptable behavior or effort.
2. Award will be terminated if he/she opts to leave or ages out of the program.
3. Recipients will be required to volunteer or to participate in the CJ Buckley Regatta during the award period. They will be recognized at the event.

## **Important Facts:**

1. For the year 2024, we anticipate the awarding of 1 or 2 scholarships, with the annual stipend of \$1,500.
2. Scholarship Application and Annual Renewal Forms will be available on the CJ Regatta and NBYA Jr. websites.
3. Paige McClatchy (Chaffee) will provide scholarship information and forms to NBYA and directors of all junior sailing programs on Narragansett Bay.

## **Only completed forms will be reviewed.**

**Please scan and e-mail the Application or Renewal Form with the applicant/recipient statement and coach/supporter recommendation to:**

**cjbuckleyscholarshipfund@gmail.com.**

**or send by mail to:**

**Carter Y. Buckley, 11 Intervale Road, Providence, RI 02906**

**Scholarship Application and Renewal Deadline – 4/30/2024**

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