



## Northern Illinois Archery Organization

## The NIAO ARCHERY SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Northern Illinois Archery Organization (NIAO)** recognizes that talent in archery even exists for those who are underprivileged and can help by providing financial assistance to adults and children who desire to participate in archery classes, further develop archery skills and compete in JOAD / AAP archery, or become a certified instructor to teach archery to adults and children who have difficult ability to pay established program fees. Certain rules and restrictions apply. See the requirements on the next page.

Scholarships are available for most programs. Please note that assistance for programs is based on available funding and limitations will apply.

While NIAO is a non-profit agency, we depend on participant fees and community support to help maintain our services. Our Scholarship Program is funded through donations to Northern Illinois Archery Organization and percentages of income fees from program services we provide.

Scholarships are provided for a specific time period. When that time is up, if help is still needed, you may reapply.

NIAO does not discriminate based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must qualify for assistance from one or more of the programs listed below:

- CHIPRA (ALL Kids)
- Illinois Food Stamps (Link)
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
- Medicaid (covers pretty much all age groups)
- NLSP (National School Lunch Program)
- SBP (School Breakfast Program)
- Illinois Special Milk Program
- Illinois Summer Food Service
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Illinois Foster Children (automatically qualify with appropriate documentation)
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income)

And

Completion of NIAO attendance and participation requirements and timely submission of applications as detailed on the next page.

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### REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements have been established by NIAO Board of Directors on 3/7/2017 to ensure fairness and accessibility to all Archery Scholarship Financial Assistance Program applicants. Changes to these requirements may occur each month as the Board of Directors may see fit. Furthermore, **by signing and submitting this application, you are acknowledging and agree to these requirements as outlined below and affirm that you will meet the expectations of the donors who contribute to this program and the policies of Northern Illinois Archery Organization's Board of Directors as are written here for this financial assistance.**

1. The scholarship application must be filled out completely and a copy of supporting qualifying documentation each month must be submitted with this application for **EACH** submission, or it will be denied. If there are questions regarding the application or this process please email [scholarship@niarchery.org](mailto:scholarship@niarchery.org).
2. Scholarships are granted to applicants who would not otherwise be able to participate in NIAO archery programs due to financial hardship. All information submitted and is shared with the NIAO Board of Directors only, and is kept confidential.
3. The Scholarship program is non-transferable. Additionally, if a scheduled class or practice is missed for any reason, a monetary refund is not issued.
4. Scholarship applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, funding, and space available basis.
5. Scheduled class or practice cancellations by the organization or lead instructor do not affect recipient status for the next qualifying month.
6. Applicants will be contacted by email prior to the start of the next class or practice after their application is submitted regarding status. You must be ready to begin practice on the first scheduled practice day of the month.
7. The **APPLICANT** must be responsible for submitting this form and their supporting documentation and following up to ensure it was received. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to missing the open submission period each month. Follow up must occur within the timeframe requirement under the **Timeframe to Apply and Submit** section listed in the table below. No special accommodations will be made to remind or solicit applications from anyone intending to apply for this financial assistance program. If submitting by email, print out the application and complete. You may take a photo of completed application and a photo of your supporting document and attach the images to an email and send to the email address provided below. If by postal mail, submit application and a **COPY** of your supporting documentation and mail to the address provided below.
8. Scholarship applications are to be treated on a month by month basis and granted on a first-come-first served basis if funding is available and space is available. Should an application be missed for the month, previous scholarship recipients will not be allowed to participate in any class or JOAD / AAP event unless they maintain a "good standing" status by paying for their sessions fees that month or the monthly rate for coaching. This also includes no participation in any scheduled internal or external NIAO event, pin shoot, or virtual tournament participation for that month.

Specific Requirements mandated by the NIAO Board of Directors for Park District or NIAO Classes and JOAD / AAP are outlined below:

Requirement	Classes	JOAD / AAP
Timeframe to Apply and Submit	This application and supporting documentation must be turned in NO earlier than 2 weeks prior and NO later than 1 week prior to the start of the next <u>class</u> . Overlapping months may occur if class session spans from or to another month	This application and supporting documentation must be turned in NO earlier than 2 weeks prior and NO later than 1 week prior to the start of the next <u>calendar month</u> . Missed deadlines or late application will not be accepted under any circumstances.
Attendance	At least 75% of scheduled classes. Less will result in not qualifying for future assistance	All Scheduled Practices of the month. Recipients are expected to be at every practice in order to receive and continue to be eligible for receiving benefits from approved applications. To reinstate eligibility for application the next month for any unexcused missed practices to remain in "Good Standing", a <b>\$15 per missed practice fee</b> may be paid to NIAO to be placed into the Archery Scholarship FAP fund. Failure to maintain perfect attendance or pay contributions for missed practices will result in being ineligible of recipient qualification for future assistance. Participant can remain in JOAD / AAP at the regular membership fees. Any contributions paid to NIAO for missed practices are considered to be donations and will be tax-deductible. A donation receipt will be provided.
Participation	Be attentive, follow the rules, and respect others in the class.	It is <b>mandatory</b> to compete in an external to NIAO archery club tournament, pin shoot, or other qualifying archery event approved by head coach at a minimum of once per quarter. USA Archery Virtual Tournament <b>does not</b> qualify. Travel, Registration fees, and other costs associated are the recipient's responsibility. Proof of participation is required by score card or photo of the finished scorecard <b>AND</b> photo(s) of recipient participation at such event. Failure to comply will result in future disqualification of recipient benefits. Other requirements of participation outlined in the NIAO JOAD / AAP handbook are also expected. Multiple competitions in a quarter <b>will not</b> carry over to the next quarter or satisfy previous recipient quarters for fulfilling competition requirements.
For Instructor Certification	You must apply for assistance, be approved, <b>AND</b> pass both Archery 1 and Archery 2 classes. You must obtain certification and be current with CPR / AED and First Aid prior to applying for NIAO Instructor certification course financial assistance. Proof of certification must accompany application.	If applying for Level 1 Instructor Certification (age 15 and up to your 18th birthday) or Level 2 Instructor Certification (age 18 and older) you must apply for assistance, be approved, <b>AND</b> pass the Level 1 or Level 2 Archery Instructor Certification Course at a 90% or higher. You <b>MUST</b> complete all USA Archery and USOC (U.S. Olympic Committee) requirements to obtain certification, a criminal background check, and maintain a current USA Archery membership associated to Northern Illinois Archery Organization JOAD. Some fees will apply and the NIAO Scholarship FAP will not be used for these other fees and are your responsibility. Once you become certified, you have the option to become a contracted instructor for NIAO. Other contract rules will apply. In order to be a contracted NIAO instructor you must also pass the Level 2 Instructor / Trainer test available for free from USA Archery.

Please print neatly: Complete ALL of the following information and attach required documents, as incomplete forms will delay processing. A separate form is required for each applicant. Email this document and an image of your qualifying document to [scholarship@niarchery.org](mailto:scholarship@niarchery.org) or mail to NIAO, PO Box 102, Montgomery, IL 60538

NAME OF PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_ PARTICIPANT DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED? \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_

REASON \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_