



# Chattanooga Junior Rowing

## Financial Aid Application

In an effort to reduce obstacles to participation in rowing due to financial need, Chattanooga Rowing (CR) is able to offer limited financial aid to participants in the Chattanooga Junior Rowing (CJR) program. The purpose of the financial aid is to make rowing available to those who otherwise would not be able to participate. Financial Aid may cover up to 50% of the program fee and may be awarded at the discretion of the Chattanooga Rowing Board of Directors. Financial aid is offered and must be applied for each of the three seasons of the CJR programs: Fall – Winter – Spring. Financial aid is not offered for optional summer camps.

### **Eligibility:**

All members of the CJR program are eligible for partial aid awards. Previous rowing experience is not required.

### **CR Financial Aid Fund:**

The CR Financial Aid Fund aka “The Jack Fish Fund” was started and named after Jack Fish one of the founders of Chattanooga Rowing, longtime coach and mentor of the Chattanooga Junior Rowing program. The fund honors his vision of making rowing available to all youth in the community regardless of their financial situation. CR conducts fund raising activities, seeks grants from community foundations, and individual donors to specifically raise money for the Jack Fish Fund. Financial aid will be awarded only to the extent that funds are available.

### **Financial Aid Requirements:**

1. All applications for financial aid are due at least one week prior to the start of any program.
2. Completion of application and presentation of verifying documents.
3. Parents of rowers receiving financial aid are required to volunteer throughout the season.
4. Rowers receiving financial aid are expected to have 90% attendance or better. Failure to maintain this level of attendance will negate eligibility for future aid.
5. Any misconduct or inappropriate behavior on the part of a rower as determined by the CR – Rowing Director will result in termination of the financial aid and full fees will be required for ongoing participation.
6. Any omission of resources or misrepresentation of need will result in the immediate termination of the aid and full fees will be required for ongoing participation.

### **Application Process:**

1. Complete the application form.

2. Provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party documentation of financial need. Examples of documentation include; tax return, participation in free or reduced lunch at school, Section 8 housing verification, Social Security disability verification, proof of food insecurity, enrollment in community relief programs, etc. CR Board of Directors reserves the right to request additional documentation and verification as needed.
3. Forward your application and documentation to the treasurer of Chattanooga Rowing (Email: chattrow.treasurer@gmail.com)
4. Financial Aid applications should be submitted from the custodial parent, if custody is shared, both parents need to provide verification of need. If step-parents are named as guardians, those resources should be included when considering need.

**Confidentiality:**

The application materials and review process are strictly confidential, conducted solely by the CR Board of Directors. All CR Board Members are committed to maintaining the strict confidentiality of the application and decision-making process. Coaches are not part of or informed about anything associated with this process. CR Board Members and their families are ineligible for financial aid.

**Ineligibility:**

Applications will **not** be considered for participants if:

1. Applicant or applicant's family has an outstanding unpaid balance from prior seasons.
2. Applicant or applicant's family did not comply with conditions of prior scholarship awards.
3. Required documentation is not submitted prior to the application deadline.

# CJR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

## Rower Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent / Guardian #1 Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rent: \_\_\_ Own: \_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent / Guardian #2 Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rent: \_\_\_ Own: \_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

For which season are you applying for aid? (circle) Fall - Winter - Spring

Amount of financial aid request (not to exceed 50% of season's fees): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents in household (including rower): \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Describe the applicants interest / experience in rowing?
2. Please share about the extraordinary circumstances which interfere with the family's financial ability to access CJR programming:
3. What documentation are you submitting which will reflect your current financial situation and demonstrate the level of financial need?
4. As part of the financial aid program, parents/guardians are asked to participate fully in the volunteer opportunities with CJR. Are there circumstances that interfere with your ability to fulfill the volunteer expectations?

I have read the CR financial aid requirements and if granted the financial aid, will commit to fulfilling them. By signing below, I agree that all the information that has been submitted is true and an accurate representation of our current financial situation.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian #1

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Signature of Parent/Guardian #2