**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**Philosophy:** Spackenkill Rowing Club (SRC) would like to provide an opportunity to all eligible members that would like to participate in competitive rowing regardless of financial status.

**Purpose:** Provide scholarships that grant financial assistance in the form of free or reduced dues for families financially unable to pay the established program dues.  Scholarships are awarded based solely on need.

 **Scholarship Fee Coverage:**

1. Spackenkill Rowing Club dues waived or reduced.
2. Scholarship does NOT cover USRowing Basic Membership ($9.75).
3. Scholarship does NOT cover racing shirt (estimate $65) or any team apparel.

**Expectations of Recipient and Family:**

1. Recipient is expected to attend at least 4 of 5 practices per week.  Notification of illness/injury or other circumstances preventing attendance at practices needs to be reported to Head Coach.
2. Recipient is expected to attend and participate in regattas.
3. Recipient is expected to participate in all team functions including fundraising.

**Eligibility:**

1. Rower must be a student attending school at Todd Middle School or Spackenkill High School.
2. Proof of Financial Need - The SRC board will review requests with the Athletic department to verify the family qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). If there are extenuating circumstances you are encouraged to provide this information.

**Application:**

1. Provide a short essay (paragraph) of why the candidate should be considered for the scholarship.  Please provide information regarding the candidate’s character and what the opportunity would to mean to him/her.
2. Provide a letter of recommendation from an individual not related to the scholarship candidate, such as a coach, teacher, etc.
3. Information provided will be reviewed by the Head Coach and Board of Directors and will be kept confidential.
4. Scholarships are awarded for the current season only.  An application must be submitted for each new season.