

CHICO STRIDER RUN STRONG SCHOLARSHIP



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Run Strong Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who have participated in the Chico Strider program in some capacity, athlete or volunteer, or an active participating high school senior in the sport of Cross Country or Track & Field in the Chico area, and who embody the Strider core values of **Confidence, Community and Purpose** in both their academic and athletic pursuits.

- Confidence is believing in your abilities and having the resilience to overcome challenges. Confident individuals embrace growth, push beyond limits, and inspire others through determination.
- Community is building meaningful connections and supporting others. Community-minded individuals foster inclusive environments, strengthen relationships, and help groups succeed together.
- Purpose is having a clear sense of direction and commitment to meaningful goals. Purpose-driven individuals act on their values to make a positive impact and inspire lasting change.

Applicants must complete Parts 1–3 of the scholarship application, which include three written sections and a video essay. Each application will be evaluated by the scholarship committee. Scholarships will be awarded on Global Running Day, June 3rd, at 6:00 PM at Fleet Feet.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME

EMAIL

ADDRESS

PHONE

SCHOOL

GRADUATION DATE

INTENDED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL/OTHER:

DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATE IN ANY NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (FREE/REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS, SNAP, HOUSING ASSISTANCE, MEDI-CAL OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES)?

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

NUMBER OF YEARS PARTICIPATED IN RUNNING (TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY)

DID YOU RUN AS CHICO STRIDER (Y/N, IF YES WHAT YEARS?)

HAVE YOU ACTED AS A MENTOR OR VOLUNTEERED IN A STIDER PROGRAM OR EVENT?

DO YOU INTEND TO COMPETE AT THE COLLEGiate LEVEL?

HONORS/AWARDS IN RUNNING?

PERSONAL BEST EVENT(S)/TIMES:

COACH'S NAME(S):

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PART 2: WRITTEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section 1: Your Story – Building Confidence (Written Response – 300 – 500 words)

Prompt:

Introduce yourself and provide a comprehensive view of your background. Share your academic, athletic, extracurricular involvement, and personal achievements. Highlight meaningful milestones or challenges that have shaped your confidence.

Consider addressing:

- A challenge you overcame and what it taught you
- A moment when you stepped outside your comfort zone
- How sports, academics, or life experiences have helped you grow in confidence

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Section 2: Strengthening Community (Written Response – 250–500 words)

Prompt:

Describe how you contribute to your team, school, or broader community. Share examples of leadership, service, or actions that demonstrate your commitment to supporting others and fostering inclusion.

Consider addressing:

- How you support teammates or peers
- Volunteer work or service involvement
- Ways you help create a positive, inclusive environment

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Section 3: Living with Purpose (Written Response – 250–500 words)

Prompt:

Discuss your short-term and long-term goals. Explain how receiving this scholarship will support your academic and personal growth and help you pursue your purpose.

Consider addressing:

- Academic and career aspirations
- Why these goals matter to you
- How this scholarship helps remove barriers or creates opportunities

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PART 3: VIDEO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part II: Video Submission (2-3 Minutes)

The video allows the scholarship committee to hear directly from you—in your own voice—while gaining a deeper understanding of who you are and how you embody the Club’s three foundational pillars: Confidence, Community, and Purpose.

Applicants should speak authentically and reflectively. Professional editing is not required; sincerity and clarity are most important. Scholarship committee members want to understand who you are, not just what you’ve done.

Video Guide & Prompts

1. Introduction & Gratitude (30–45 seconds)

- State your name, school, and events
- Briefly share your background (academic, athletic, extracurricular)
- Express gratitude for the opportunity to apply
- Share one sentence that captures who you are or what you value most

2. Confidence & Community (30-45 seconds)

- Share one defining experience that demonstrates personal growth, resilience, or confidence
- Describe how you contribute to your team, school, or community
- Highlight leadership, teamwork, or ways you support and uplift others

Tip: Focus on impact and reflection—not just what you did.

3. Purpose, Goals & Looking Forward (60-120 seconds)

- Discuss your short-term and long-term academic, personal or athletic goals
- Explain why this scholarship matters to you personally
- Share how receiving this scholarship will help you move forward

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026

Submission Email/Address: Danny@Chicostriders.com

We look forward to reviewing your application and wish you the best of luck!

Scholarships will be awarded on Global Running Day, June 3rd, at 6:00 PM at Fleet Feet. Selected recipients are kindly requested to attend in person to receive their scholarship.