



*Annapolis Youth Lacrosse Association*  
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### *AYLA Willie Gateau Scholarship Fund Scholarship*

## **Introduction**

The Annapolis Youth Lacrosse Association Willie Gateau Scholarship Fund is an endowment initially established and funded in 2002, by the Annapolis Youth Lacrosse Association (AYLA) and the World Class Lacrosse Camps. In 2004, Hero's Lacrosse became a major sponsor, as well. AYLA is committed to this endowment, and provides a committee to oversee the fund, its operations, and its scholarship award(s). AYLA is a non-profit organization that operates under the slogan "Promoting Youth Growth Through Lacrosse". The AYLA program attempts to foster the ideals of growth, sportsmanship, and competition.

AYLA has created this scholarship fund in the name of Willie Gateau, a past volunteer and coach. Willie Gateau was an exceptional volunteer with AYLA, as well as with other youth organizations, and AYLA felt that naming this scholarship fund in his name helps to recognize his efforts, as well as the efforts of the future scholarship applicants and recipients.

The scholarship(s) will be awarded annually to one, or more, High School Seniors who have previously played with AYLA during a minimum of one Spring season. The award provides an opportunity for the recipient(s) to pay for a portion of their college expenses during their first year. Participation in College athletics is not required. Successful candidates will have achieved distinction in areas such as community service, extracurricular activities, leadership, and academics. Award recipients select their own institutions and field of study. Award recipients will use the scholarship, as they deem necessary. The award is a form of recognition for their outstanding achievements during their High School years. All applicants must meet the basic requirements for NCAA eligibility rules.

Interested applicants may apply in the January month of their Senior year in High School. The attached checklist and application forms can be obtained from the Academic Advisor/Counselor of their High School or can be downloaded from [www.youthlax.org](http://www.youthlax.org). Each application must be submitted with a signed copy of the checklist. An application must contain a Profile (or Resume), an official copy of the applicant's High School transcript, three letters of recommendation (using attached format) from references, one letter of recommendation from the applicant's High School Principal, and a typed essay accompanied with a recent photograph.

The topic of the essay is "Identify a significant experience, achievement, or risk in your life and describe how it has affected you".

Completed forms should be mailed to the address above and must be received by AYLA no later than March 1 of the applicant's graduation year. The AYLA Willie Gateau Scholarship Fund Committee will begin evaluating all of the applications in March and will notify applicants of their selection during April.



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**Checklist**

Please use this checklist when completing your application and related materials. This checklist should be signed and returned with the other applicant materials.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Profile (or Resume) – This information should contain a record of the applicant’s community service activities, extracurricular activities, work experience, school curriculum, and athletic participation. Any individual honors, awards, or team accomplishments should be included.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript - An official copy of the applicant’s High School transcript containing at a minimum the records for the applicant’s Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior school years. The transcript should include the first semester of the applicant’s Senior year, or the applicant should include a copy of their report card for this semester.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendations from Three References - Three letters of recommendation from personal references need to be provided and must be submitted using the attached format.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation from Principal - One letter of recommendation from the applicant’s High School Principal must be submitted using the attached format.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Essay - A typed essay accompanied with a recent photograph. The topic of the essay is: “Indicate a significant experience, achievement, or risk in your life and describe how it has affected you”.

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor’s/Counselor’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The AYLA Willie Gateau Scholarship Fund committee will not accept an application from an applicant that has not met the minimum requirements, or has failed to follow the specified directions, or has failed to provide the required documentation.



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**Application**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School Sports Played \_\_\_\_\_

AYLA History (Identify Year(s) of Spring Seasons played with name of Coaches) \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service (List activities and dates) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

	Mother	Father
Name	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
Occupation	_____	_____
Work Phone	_____	_____

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Honors \_\_\_\_\_ SAT V \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges you are interested in applying to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Program Desired (Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering, Pre-med, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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**Letter of Recommendation**

**FOR:** Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Sport or Activity \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Person Making Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** AYLA Willie Gateau Scholarship Fund Committee

**VIA:** High School Advisor/Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

1. Explain your affiliation with the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe the specific area in which you know the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Evaluation of the applicant's potential, aptitude, and motivation in this specific area \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_