



GMS Career in Coaching Scholarship Program Guidelines and Application

At what is an important time in our country's history, we've taken the time to listen and learn how we as a company can take meaningful action in the fight for racial equality. Those that know us at Gold Medal Squared understand that we value simple, leveraged solutions that have a long and lasting effect, and we didn't want to approach the issue with just words. With that in mind, we decided that doing what we do best – helping people become great coaches - would be our most powerful course of action. To that end, we're establishing the "GMS Career in Coaching" scholarship program with the goal of putting the entire GMS team, and our resources, behind Black coaches who want to explore a career as a coach.

For so many of us at GMS, the single most powerful influence for success in our lives has been a coach. Coaches do so much more than teach volleyball - they are role models and mentors who help us hold ourselves to a higher standard. The "GMS Career in Coaching" program aims to continue that story in Black communities by helping develop the careers of future great coaches, who we believe will go on to impact thousands of lives for good.

Through educational and mentorship opportunities, we strive to increase diversity in the sport of volleyball. We also strive to develop successful, confident coaches who can become mentors and leaders within their own communities.

The Career in Coaching Scholarship is open to Black mens and women who have a serious interest in pursuing a career in coaching volleyball. You must be between 18-32 years of age and provide a letter of recommendation from a mentor, coach, or teacher.

Applications will be available on September 1st and must be submitted by December 15th. Candidates will be selected and announced by February 1st by a diverse panel of coaches who have volunteered their time to help with this program.

We will award up to three FULL scholarships per calendar year, details below.

- Tuition to an unlimited number of GMS coaching clinics within the calendar year.
- All travel expenses covered for one clinic location, selected by the awarded individual. This includes transportation to/from, lodging, and meals during the event.
- Unlimited access to the GMS+ educational platform.
- Mentorship provided by members of the GMS advisory staff.
- Mentorship with career decisions, references, and job interviews.

We will award up to five PARTIAL scholarships per calendar year, details below.

- Tuition to an unlimited number of GMS coaching clinics within the calendar year.
- The recipient is responsible for their own travel costs and meals.
- Unlimited access to the GMS+ educational platform.
- Mentorship provided by members of the GMS advisory staff.
- Mentorship with career decisions, references, and job interviews.



Application Guidance and Instructions

Gold Medal Squares views this program as a partnership. A successful partnership requires sustained effort and passion from all parties involved. What we are providing is opportunity, mentorship, guidance and access to our coaching network. In return, we ask that those who apply are self-motivated, passionate individuals who are looking for an opportunity to grow as a person, and a coach.

Step 1: Please complete all fields below and save the PDF file to your computer.

Step 2: Please include a letter of recommendation from a mentor, coach or teacher outlining why you would be a good fit for this program.

Step 3: Email the completed application, along with your letter of recommendation to info@goldmedalsquared.com with the subject "Career in Coaching App - First Last Name"

First Name

Address 1

Last Name

Address 2

Email Address

City

Phone Number

State

Zip

Age (qualified ages are 18-32 years old)

Gender:

Coaching Experience (select all that apply):

High School

Club

Community College

NCAA/NAIA

None

How many total years have you coached volleyball?

What is your highest level of education?

Are you the first in your family to coach volleyball?

Would you like coaching to become a full time job for you?



How were you introduced to the sport of volleyball?

How will this scholarship help you accomplish your goals?

Who is writing your letter of recommendation, and why did you select this person?

What other hobbies do you have outside of the volleyball gym?

Why should you be the recipient of this scholarship (min. 250 characters)?