DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2027

2026-2027 Academic Year Application

Hard-copy folio submissions only. Drop off at the Unified front desk. Incomplete folios will not be reviewed.

Keep all supporting materials attached in one folio.

Section 1 - Student Information

Full Legal Name

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Age

Gender Identity

Phone Number

Home Address (Street, City, State, ZIP)

Email Address

Parent / Guardian Name (if under 18)

Parent / Guardian Phone

Parent / Guardian Email

Section 2 - Academic Information

Current School / Institution

Expected Graduation Year

Current GPA / Grade Average

Class Rank (if applicable)

Intended Post-Secondary Path (College, Trade School, Certification, etc.)

Intended Program / Major / Field of Study

How will scholarship funds be used?

Check all that apply.

- [ ] College / University Tuition
- [ ] Trade / Technical School Tuition
- [ ] Certification or Licensing Program
- [ ] Required Books & Materials
- [ ] Computer or Required Technology
- [ ] Dormitory / Housing
- [ ] Required Living / Food Expenses
- [ ] Verified Training Tools & Equipment
- [ ] Other

Other (if selected)

Section 3 - Unified Jiu-Jitsu Membership

Member Start Date (MM/YYYY)	Belt Rank	Average Classes Attended per Week

Primary Instructor

Tournament Representation

List at least 3 tournaments from the past year. Athletes must have competed in official Unified gear.

Tournament Name	Date	Division / Weight Class	Result

Section 4 - Chess Scoring System (Self-Verification)

The committee applies this scoring system during review. Use this section to confirm each requirement before submitting.

Chess Piece	Requirement	Points	Check
Pawn #1	Active Unified member for at least 1 year	1	
Pawn #2	Attends class at least 1x per week	1	
Knight	Represented Unified in >= 3 tournaments in the past year	3	
Bishop	Maintains a B+ average or higher	3	
Rook	Completes 20 volunteer hours annually	5	
Queen	Submits one recommendation letter	9	
The King	Submits one personal essay	No numerical points	
	TOTAL (Maximum 22 Points)		

The King (No Numerical Points): Click the note icon for Personal Essay guidance and topic choices. It serves as the final tiebreaker and reflects the applicant's heart, humility, and character. Prof. Ryan holds final decision authority.

Section 5 - Volunteer Log

20 hours required. All hours must be completed at or for Unified Jiu-Jitsu and verified by a supervisor. Attach additional pages if needed.

Date	Event / Activity	Hours	Supervisor Signature
	TOTAL HOURS		

Section 6 - Personal Essay

Personal Essay
This is your King. Write in your own words - no required prompt. Speak from the heart about who you are, what you have learned on the mats, where you are going, and why this scholarship matters to you. Essays should be at least one full page.

Choose topic:

- ☐ How Jiu-Jitsu has changed my life
- ☐ What Jiu-Jitsu means to me
- ☐ How Jiu-Jitsu could change the world's perspective
- ☐ Humility and Jiu-Jitsu go hand in hand
- ☐ (Optional creative): A poem about Jiu-Jitsu in iambic pentameter

Attach additional essay pages if needed.

Section 7 - Recommendation Letter

To be completed by a non-family adult who knows the applicant well (teacher, coach, employer, or community leader).

Recommender Full Name

Relationship to Applicant

Recommender Phone

Recommender Email

Organization / Employer / School

Letter of Recommendation

Provide a written recommendation below or attach a signed letter separately.

Recommender Signature	Date

Section 8 - Grade Report / Transcript Checklist

Attach your most recent official grade report or transcript behind this page.

- [ ] Official grade report or transcript (most recent term / semester) - Required
- [ ] Minimum B+ average clearly visible on document - Required
- [ ] Student name on transcript matches name on this application - Required
- [ ] School name and date of report visible on document - Required
- [ ] Document is signed or stamped by school (if applicable)

Section 9 - Folio Submission Checklist

Confirm your folio contains all required materials before submitting. Incomplete folios will not be reviewed.

- [ ] Completed Scholarship Application (this document)
- [ ] Personal Essay (attached or written in Section 6)
- [ ] Recommendation Letter (Section 7 or sealed envelope attached)
- [ ] Official Grade Report / Transcript
- [ ] Volunteer Log with supervisor signatures (Section 5)

Applicant Certification

By signing below, I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that scholarship funds must be used strictly for furthering education or career advancement. I agree to all terms and conditions of the Unified Furthering Education Scholarship.

Applicant Signature	Date

Parent / Guardian Signature (required if under 18)	Date