

The Oscar Chaplin, III Foundation for Education & Athletics Level-Up Awards

If you ever saw Oscar a.k.a. Diamond at a competition, you were quite likely to see his (our) father, Big "O," not too far behind. Big O provided spiritual, mental, and physical support to Diamond and anyone else at the competition...or in close, or not-so-close proximity, especially if they were feeling pain. This snippet of a backstory is to provide a tiny bit of context for you as you consider your nomination.

What does a student, an athlete, and especially a student-athlete, need these days to be successful for getting to the next level?

- Parent/Guardian travel and/or housing support, especially in the case of minor-aged athletes on travel teams?
- Money for membership fees for a promising athlete in-need, who will benefit from being on a pay-to-play team?
- Money for learning support materials for a star student who has fallen on tough times or whose family finances are already tight?
- Funds for tutoring a student-athlete at odd hours when on competition travel?
- Money for gear?

Please tell us what your needs are! These awards will provide support for Diamonds-In-The-Rough and diamonds having a rough time so that they may level-up in their achievement.

Please be considerate in your request and do your best to keep requests below \$1,000, requests above \$1,000 should be very well-justified. If you are only in need of support to cover fuel costs to a regional day competition to provide parental support, that is just as fund-able and important as providing support for any larger request. We anticipate being able to award approximately \$5,000 total in awards for the 2023-2024 cycle and we want to be able to provide as many awards as possible. Funds that you request must be spent by 29 February 2024.

Applications can be submitted by the recipient or on behalf of the recipient. Please provide your best complete responses for the information below. Note that there is a recommendation letter required, so ask your recommender as early as you can.

Deadline for submission of all elements (application, budget, and recommendation letter) is midnight Pacific on February 4th, 2023. East Coast folks, that means 03:00/3:00 a.m. on February 5th.

Please email Jim Chaplin or Sue Ebanks at TheOC3Foundation@gmail.com with any questions that you may have. You may also visit us on Facebook or on our [website](#) for information on The Foundation.

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Oscar at his induction into the Weightlifting Hall of Fame



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Background
Information
for Recipient &
Recommender

You will need to be prepared to provide appropriate tax documents (e.g. W-9) for yourself as the Recipient (over 18) or guardian of the Recipient (for Recipient under 18 or Recipient claimed as a dependent by someone else). **HOWEVER, for now, general background information will be sufficient.**

1. Recipient's Full Name (First MI Last): *

2. Recipient's Address (Street Address) *

3. Recipient's Address (City, State, Zip Code, Country) *

4. Recipient's E-mail Address *

5. Recipient's Birthdate *

Example: January 7, 2019

6. Nominator's Full Name (First MI Last); *if applicable*

7. Nominator's Address (Street Address); *if applicable*

8. Nominator's Address (City, State, Zip Code, Country); *if applicable*

9. Nominator's E-mail Address; *if applicable*

10. **Recommendation Letter:**

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*Please ask your recommender to email a PDF of their recommendation letter to **TheOC3Foundation@gmail.com**.*

The recommendation letter should include:

*Relationship of recommender to the recipient

*Why recommender thinks the recipient is deserving of the award

*Any other information that will be helpful to the selection committee

So that the committee can know what to expect, please provide the **full name of the recommender here**.

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Main
Application
Information

In this section, responses are needed for key content information for the application, including the amount of funding and justification.

11. How much are you requesting and how will you use the funds?

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To answer this, download and complete [this spreadsheet](#), save it with your name in place of "NAME" for the filename. Then, upload the completed spreadsheet.

Files submitted:

12. **Your biography.** Tell us a bit about you and your journey as a student, athlete, or student-student. *

13. What kind of need/s do you have? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Academic/Educational support (e.g. tutoring, etc.)
- ☐ Athletic Support (e.g. gear, membership fees, etc.)
- ☐ Both Academic/Educational and Athletic

14. Are you requesting funds for Education/Academic support ONLY or both Education/Academic **plus** Athletic support? If so, give details here on how you will use the funds for your **Education/Academics ONLY**.

Include information such as:

College/Trade School Students: Name of your "school," major & minor, rank/classification, GPA, and anticipated graduation month & year

K-12 students: name of your school, favorite subject, grade level, GPA (K-8: Tell us which letter grade you get most often), anticipated graduation

***All:** How exactly will you use the money?

***All:** What other resources would you usually have accessible and why are they not an option?

***All:** If awarded, how will the money make a difference in your life?

***All:** How will these funds help you to level-up your academic efforts?

***High School, College, Trade School Students:** What do you plan to do after you are graduated?

Be detailed in your response because your response will help the selection committee determine whether you and your goals are a match for this award.

If your focus is on Athletics ONLY, skip this question.

15. Are you requesting funds for Athletic support ONLY or both Education/Academic plus Athletic support? If so, give details here on how you will use the funds for **Athletics ONLY**.

Include information such as:

*Your sport

*Competition/training camp/event name, date, your category (e.g. weight class), whether or not you have qualified already or in previous years

*Type of gear that you need (singlet/uniform, footwear, etc.)?

*What may be needed for travel?

*What do you need, why do you need it, by when do you need it?

*How will these funds help you to level-up your athletic efforts?

*Other?

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16. What is your greatest achievement? *

17. What is your greatest disappointment? *

18. Who are the two (2) most important figures in your life and why? *

19. If today were the last day of your life, how would you be remembered? *

20. How would you *like to be* remembered? *

Skip to section 4 (Thank you for your interest in applying for The Oscar Chaplin, III Foundation for Education & Athletics Level-Up Awards! May you continue to be blessed in your journey! Please submit your completed application.)

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Whether across town or on the other side of the world, Diamond was usually deep in thought. Later in life, he appreciated more and more his communication with God.



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