

SPORT CHANGES LIFE.™



VICTORY SCHOLAR™

APPLICATION FORM
2025/26

INSPIRING CHANGE

Sport Changes Life aims to raise the aspirations of young people on both sides of the Atlantic.

We are committed to changing the lives of young people through sport. This ethos of helping young people live better lives, broadening both their opportunities and aspirations is something which is shared by all of our partners. It is with this support and passion we are able to develop a strategy that will help young people achieve their dreams and goals on the island of Ireland and across the United States of America.

Our Victory Scholar Program, designed at our founding partner, Ulster University, places deserving American NCAA scholar athlete graduates in our partner universities in Northern Ireland and Ireland where they continue to develop their skills and knowledge as they help change the lives of young people. Our Victory Scholars will earn a masters degree while mentoring young people through our eHoops program, community outreach initiatives and schools outreach programs all while continuing to play the sport that they love during their 10 month stay. You can stay up to date with all that goes on in Sport Changes Life via our social media outlets and on our website sportchangeslife.com.

Gareth Maguire, Deirdre Brennan and Mark Marais
Founders, Sport Changes Life



FUTURE

APPLY TO BE A VICTORY SCHOLAR

Applications for the **2025-26** Victory Scholar Program are now OPEN. The closing date is 11th April 2025.

The Victory Scholar Program will award student-athletes the opportunity to continue to play basketball at a high level, the possibility to gain a Masters qualification and contribute to communities throughout Northern Ireland delivering the mission of the Sport Changes Life Foundation. This is a funded scholarship that covers tuition (if applicable), accommodation and a monthly stipend.

Applicants can also apply to be considered for the program on a self-funding basis.

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Phone

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please fill all sections of the application form in full to maximise your chances of becoming the newest member of the Sports Changes Life Victory Scholar Family.

For queries please contact us on:
info@sportchangeslife.com

Which program are you interested in:

Victory Scholar

Victory Intern

Both

Last Name:

Email:

Citizenship

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of University/College:

Name of Academic Co-ordinator
& Email:

Course of Study:

Start Date:

Date of Graduation:

Final GPA:

What Division are
you in:

Specific Sports:

Secondary Sports:

Name of Athletic Conference:

Have you ever received a suspension/punishment for behaviour when at university/college?

YES

NO

Have you had any significant injuries during collegiate career?

YES

NO

OTHER INFORMATION

Did you qualify for financial aid when at university/college?

YES

NO

Can you provide evidence of your financial need situation?

YES

NO

Have you got a criminal record?

YES

NO

How many of your immediate family have a third level education?

Do you have coaching experience?

YES

NO

Have you been, or are currently involved in voluntary work/service?

YES

NO

Details of coaching experience. Please note that a one off session should not be included:
(Please circle)

**Summer
Camps**

**Elementary
Schools**

**High
School**

**Middle
School**

**Junior
Varsities**

**AAU Teams -
Youth Groups**

**Sunday Schools/
Church Groups**

**Community
Group**

Other

What voluntary/community work have you undertaken? Please note that a one off session should not be included. Please select from the relevant options below as well as circling the duration:

<i>Mandatory Community Work:</i>	Once	Weekly	Per Semester	Summer
<i>Voluntary Community Work:</i>	Once	Weekly	Per Semester	Summer
<i>Voluntary Work through College</i>	Once	Weekly	Per Semester	Summer
<i>Voluntary work through High School:</i>	Once	Weekly	Per Semester	Summer
<i>Community Outreach:</i>	Once	Weekly	Per Semester	Summer

Other (Please State):

How did you hear about the Victory Scholarship Program?

Friend/Coach

**Athletic
Conference**

**College Academic
Supervisor**

**International
Office**

**Past Victory
Scholar**

**Word of
Mouth**

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What attracts you to the Victory Scholar Program?

Please rank the order of importance to you: *(Please rank in order 1–6 with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least).*

Playing Overseas

Coaching

Extended Education

Choice to Travel

Mentoring Youth

International Experience

What are your long-term professional aspirations?

How will the Victory Scholar Program assist you in achieving them?

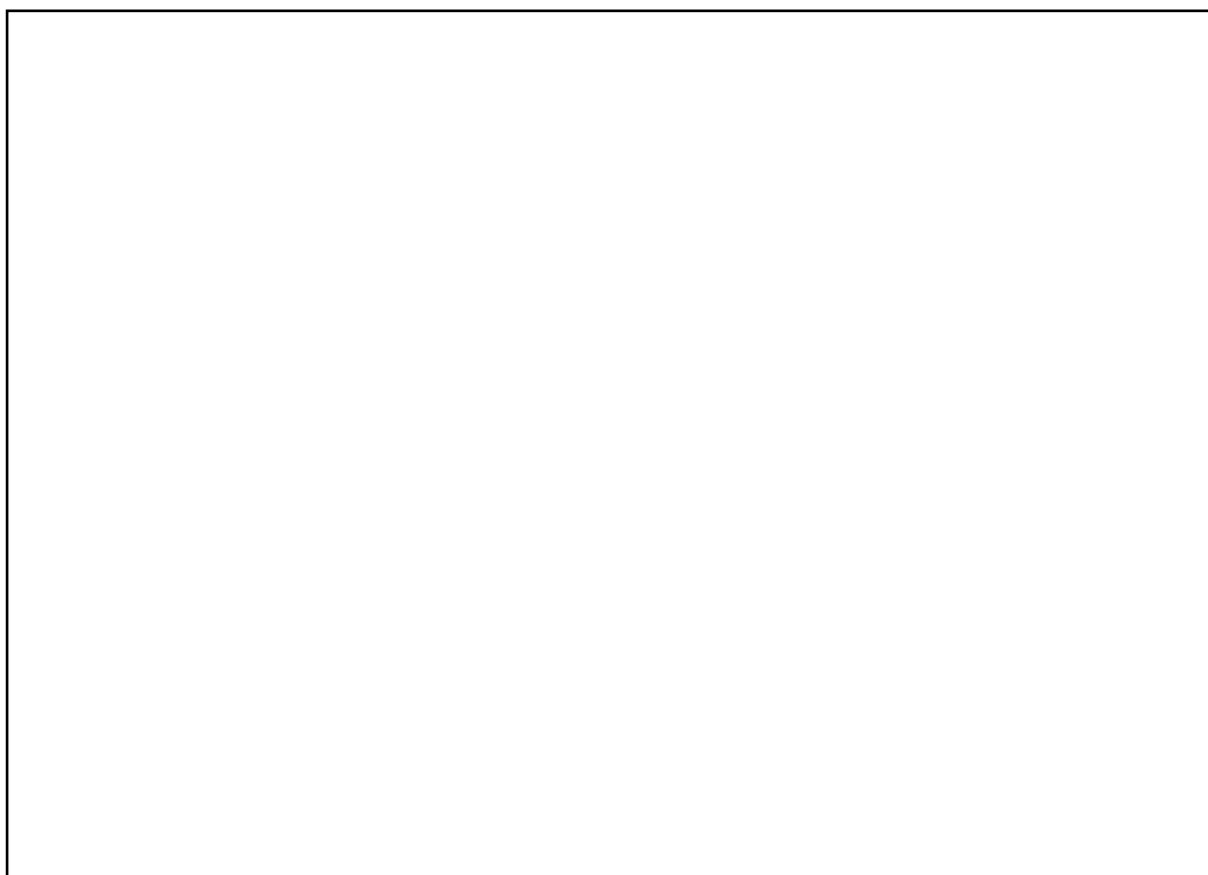
List your academic achievements. For example being on the Dean's List.

List your sporting achievements. For example, Captain or MVP.

Who has been your greatest influence and why? (No more than 500 words)



Why should you be a Victory Scholar? (No more than 500 words)



ACADEMIC REFEREE 1

Name

Email

Address

Contact Number

Relationship

ACADEMIC REFEREE 2

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Please submit application to via
email to:

info@sportchangeslife.com

Or post a completed hard copy to:

FAO:Victory Scholar Co-ordinator
Sport Changes Life
Unit 22,Argyle Business Centre
Belfast
BT13 2AP



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