



## NECA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### **"Promoting Higher Education Through Cheerleading"**

Athletic participation gives our students the opportunity to gain motivational techniques and learn time management skills at a young age. These skills are vital as our athletes continue their education after high school. We would like to congratulate all our student athletes for their hard work and dedication.

**NECA will be awarding a \$500.00 academic scholarship to a High School Senior competing at our NECA Open Cheer & Dance Championship in 2019.** Cheerleaders will have the opportunity to earn the scholarship through participation in an essay contest. One cheerleader will be selected, named, and awarded the scholarship on the day of the event. One entry per athlete is allowed and is based on the criteria below.

To be considered, athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a high school senior with plans to attend a college or university in the next calendar year.
2. Be competing at a 2019 participating NECA event.
3. Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Have 3 years varsity cheerleading experience and positive recommendation from his/her coach.

### **ESSAY TOPIC-2019**

In 800 words or less, answer the following question:

**How has Cheerleading helped shape you into the person you are today and prepared you for the future?**

**Please mail this application packet, your essay response, and a written letter of recommendation from your coach to the address below. All entries must be received by February 10, 2019.** Be sure to include signatures from you guidance counselor and principal. GPA can be documented by simply having your school guidance counselor verify with a signature.

**New England Cheerleaders Association  
PO Box 124  
Uncasville, CT 06382**



# NECA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The application must be filled out completely and must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your cheerleading coach. Please print clearly.

Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (last) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Varsity Cheerleading \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Providing Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges or Universities applied to in order of first to last choice:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Agreement: I give my son/daughter permission to participate in this contest

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Agreement: My signature below indicates that this athlete is a student at the high school named above and that he/she meets the criteria necessary for participation in this essay contest.

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_