



Dear Coach:

The **Gulf Coast Runners** would like to assist and reward seniors involved in your running programs by providing them with academic scholarship grants for 2010-11. Students who apply for the **Gulf Coast Runner Scholarship** will have the chance to earn dollars towards their college education. Just have them respond to the following application in no more than 3 typed pages and submit it to a GCR representative. **Gulf Coast Runners** has provided more than \$100,000 over the last 14 years to local high school student athletes.

Minimum qualifications include at least a two year involvement with running during high school cross country or track (minimum distance of 1600). In addition to the student's involvement with running, the scholarship committee pays particular attention to the student's degree of community involvement, some involvement with Gulf Coast Runners, commitment to a healthy lifestyle, and academic potential. We are not necessarily looking for the best or fastest runners; what we look for is evidence of the student's enthusiasm for running. Financial need is a consideration.

All finalists may be interviewed by members of the **Gulf Coast Runners** Scholarship Committee. Awards will be presented at the High School Scholarship Presentation and students will be honored at the annual Tropicool Race held on May 2, 2010 in downtown Naples.

Minimum Eligibility:

- Collier County high school senior who plans to attend in a college or university in the coming academic year
- Active in the local running community thru membership and/or participation in club events, school cross country teams or track runners (distance of 1600 meter minimum) for at least 2 years

Application Deadlines:

Applications are due 4/1/2010.

Point of Contact:

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Or email the GCR board at board@gcrunner.org.