

About Litchfield Hills Rowing Club and our Financial Aid Program

Litchfield Hills Rowing Club ("LHRC"), established in 1978, is dedicated to organizing a focused path for the total development of rowers in the greater Litchfield County, CT region, providing the opportunity to row at the highest level of club-rowing competition possible. LHRC operates from its solar-powered boathouse on Bantam Lake, CT; as well as from an indoor rowing and fitness-training facility just around the corner from the Lake—also in Bantam, CT.

LHRC understands that participating in competitive rowing requires a greater financial commitment than many other sports, and as a result—strives to help both rowers and their families who need financial assistance. Simply put, LHRC believes that the ability to afford to row should not present a barrier to the participation of a rower.

Request consideration:

Requests for financial assistance will be considered on an individual, case-by-case basis, and evaluated based upon family/rower need, available funds and a demonstrated commitment to the sport, or learning the sport. LHRC is committed to the goal of achieving equal opportunity for all and, accordingly, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, expression and characteristics, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, visible or invisible disability or status as a military Veteran.

Award amounts:

Financial aid is awarded in the following denominations: 75% of the total costs of dues for the season, together with the costs of regatta and Parent Association participation, 50% of the total costs of dues for the season, together with the costs of regatta and Parent Association participation; 25% of the total costs of dues for the season, together with the costs of regatta and Parent Association participation. *The costs associated with travel to and from regattas, as well as both housing and per diem during regatta weekends, are the sole responsibility of the family/rower, and are in addition to these costs.*

Estimated seasonal costs:

For the purposes of this application, LHRC assumes that participation in the Fall session will cost \$775.00 per rower, Winter will cost \$550.00 per rower; and Spring will cost \$975.00 per rower, plus the additional travel, housing and per-diem expenses noted above.

Your commitment:

Once a family/rower receives word that they have been granted financial aid, they are asked to remit their portion of costs (25%, 50% or 75%) within 10 days. If this proves to be a hardship for the family/rower, they may contact the LHRC financial aid administrator in order to establish a mutually-agreeable payment plan.

In addition,

- You/your rower is expected to fully participate in team practices, rowing regattas and other LHRC events.
- All parents are expected to complete a generous share of volunteer work—especially at regattas, in coordination with the LHRC Parent's Association.
- It is hoped that you/your rower exhibit a sincere interest in and commitment to competitive rowing.

Our pledge in return:

All information provided will be held in confidence by the LHRC's financial aid committee, and will only be used in order to evaluate the request for support. If you/your child receive a financial aid award, you or they will be treated absolutely no differently than any other dues-paying participant, and will (hopefully) benefit from the very same fun, challenging, character, camaraderie and body-building environment that all the other rowers benefit from.

Request for Financial Aid

Season:

- Fall 2019
- Spring 2020

Financial aid request is for:

Rower name:
Date of birth:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip code:
Telephone number:
E-mail address:

Parent or guardian making the request:

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip code:
Telephone number:
E-mail address:

Prior experience with rowing and/or LHRC:

- I/my son/my daughter has rowed in the past
 - With LHRC (if so, when?):
 - With another rowing club/team (if so, whom?):
- I/my son/my daughter has not rowed in the past

Please indicate if the rower has any conflicts (*school-oriented, work-related, religion-oriented*) on the following days and times?

- Monday (3:45P-6:15P)
- Tuesday (3:45P-6:15P)
- Wednesday (3:45P-6:15P)
- Thursday (3:45P-6:15P)
- Friday (3:45P-6:15P)
- Saturday (9:00A-11:00A)
- Saturday (all day in the event of a regatta)
- Sunday (all day in the event of a regatta)

Explanation if warranted:

The following information is requested to assist the LHRC Financial Aid Committee to determine eligibility and grant financial aid awards. This information will be held in strict confidence, will not be disclosed to or accessible in any way to anyone outside of the LHRC Financial Aid Committee, whether a part of LHRC's management, rowing community or otherwise, and will be used only for the purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for funds.

Financial aid amount requested:

- 25%
- 50%
- 75%

Does your family wish to make note of any special circumstances or financial hardships?

- No
- Yes

Explanation:

Does your family benefit from the USDA School Nutrition Program:

- Yes

If "Yes" please select one:

- Free meals
- Reduced-price meals

- No

If "Yes", please remit a copy of your school lunch program qualification letter.

If "No", please remit a copy of the first page (only) of your 2017 Federal income tax return.

Rower/potential rower essay:

Each rower applicant is asked to contribute a brief essay regarding what they believe that rowing will mean to them, how he/she will be committed to practices and regattas, what he/she hopes to get out of being on the LHRC roster, and any other thoughts they feel important to express.

I certify that all information provided is accurate and timely. I understand that I am providing this information in the hopes of receiving financial aid from LHRC, and as a result—LHRC, and the members of the LHRC Financial Aid Committee, may verify the information on the application, and deliberate misrepresentation of any and/or all information will result in the immediate withdrawal of financial aid. I further understand that the granting of financial aid is at the sole discretion of the LHRC Financial Aid Committee, and I herein acknowledge that I/we will accept their decision as final.

Submitted by:

Date:

Please remit to: lhrctinaid@gmail.com