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Florida Region of USA Volleyball to Award \$102,000 in Scholarships

In 2021, the Florida Region of USA Volleyball will award \$102,000 in scholarships to high school seniors within their organization.

Eustis, FL – March 15, 2021 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball appreciates the hard work and dedication that their members continue to show and are proud that they can support them in achieving success both on the volleyball court and in the classroom. In the past, the Florida Region has presented the scholarships at their annual Awards Ceremony, however as everyone practices social distancing, it is important that these individuals are recognized for their achievements.

This year, the Florida Region will be awarding twenty-four (24) scholarships ranging from \$500 up to \$4,000 to high school seniors that are in good standing with the organization. This year, the Norelli Family Foundation is once again matching 21 legacy scholarships, creating four-year renewable scholarships for the students.

Below is a list of the 2021 Renewable (4-Year) Scholarship Recipients:

- **Isabella Sweet (West Palm Beach, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Gold Scholarship - \$4,000yr (x4 years)
- **Cayla Colbert (Umatilla, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500yr (x4 years)
- **Hannah Leto (Mount Dora, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Silver Scholarship - \$2,500yr (x4 years)
- **Cody Szalc (Riverview, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500yr (x4 years)
- **Sophia Leon - Tabor (Fort Myers, FL)** - Norelli Family Foundation Bronze Scholarship - \$1,500yr (x4 years)
- **Brian Camacho (Oviedo, FL)** - ASICS "Sound Mind, Sound Body" Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Maddie Drawdy (Perry, FL)** - Baker's Sporting Goods Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Caroline Riggs (Palm City, FL)** - Molten "For the Real Game" Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Andie Dolven (Winter Garden, FL)** - Smack Sportswear Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Adriana Garrido (Wellington, FL)** - Commissioner's Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Cheyenne Rossman (New Port Richey, FL)** - Joan Bradley Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Ciara Crocker (Orange Park, FL)** - Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Leighton Stack (Beverly Hills, FL)** - Bill Littell Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Alexandra Postlethwaite (Land O Lakes, FL)** - Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Oluwafeyishayo Asiru (Orlando, FL)** - Kevin Schar Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000yr (x4 years)
- **Rachel Bernard (Jacksonville, FL)** - Daytona Beach Sloppy Joe's Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Abigail Taylor (Satellite Beach, FL)** - Daytona Beach Sloppy Joe's Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Lauryn Jefferies (Lakeland, FL)** - Daytona Beach Sloppy Joe's Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Sheila Rodriguez (Miami, FL)** - Daytona Beach Sloppy Joe's Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Jhane Sulcer (Jacksonville, FL)** - AES (Advanced Event Systems) Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)
- **Heather Christner (Grand Island, FL)** - SpikeNet Scholarship - \$500yr (x4 years)

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Below is a list of the one-time 2021 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Emily Stewart (Fort Myers, FL)** - James Phillips Founders Scholarship - \$750
- **Rachel Barnes (Punta Gorda, FL)** - Florida Region Board Scholarship - \$750
- **Alexis Walker (Lakeland, FL)** - Dave Greenlee Memorial Scholarship - \$600

Steve Bishop, President of the Florida Region commented, "This year we received over 90 applications. The 2021 class of scholarship recipients is impressive and well deserving. Their work in the classroom, on the court and in their respective communities is noteworthy. We are honored to recognize them and support them as they head off to college. Additionally, the continued support of our scholarship donors is simply amazing. When we started awarding scholarships in 2007, we had a goal of awarding \$10,000 a year. We surpassed that goal several years ago and this year we'll once again award over \$100,000 to these deserving student-athletes. It could not have been possible without the generous support of many families, vendors, partners, and sponsors. One in particular that has helped us reach such a remarkable level of scholarships is the Norelli Family Foundation. Their support of our program and our high school seniors is truly phenomenal! On behalf of everyone involved, we wish these student-athletes the very best!"

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves 14,000 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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