#### ****Planet Fitness Judgement Free Generation® Scholarship****

#### Planet Fitness is offering $5,000 scholarships to fifty deserving teens . The deadline is April 16, 2024.

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##### ****About the Planet Fitness Judgement Free Generation® Scholarship****

Planet Fitness is offering $5,000 scholarships to fifty deserving teens who model the judgement free, pro-kindness, and anti-bullying values for which Planet Fitness and Boys & Girls Clubs of America collectively stand. While many scholarships take into consideration only academics and/or athletics, this scholarship – part of Planet Fitness’ Judgement Free Generation initiative – will focus on acceptance and will be awarded to those students that are passionate about ending bullying and spreading kindness.

##### ****Eligibility Requirements****

**Applicants must:**

* **Be a high school senior**
* **Be an active member of a Boys & Girls Club organization**
* **Model the judgement free, pro-kindness, and anti-bullying values for which Planet Fitness and Boys & Girls Clubs of America collectively stand**
* **Enroll in a fulltime undergraduate program at an accredited two- or four-year college, vocational or technical school within one year of your high school graduation**
* **Have the recommendation of a Club staff member**

##### ****Awards****

Up to fifty (50) awards of $5,000 will be awarded. Awards are to be used for education-related expenses for undergraduate study.

Awards are one-time only and not renewable.

##### ****Required Documents****

Applicants must also complete the following requirements:

* Two short essays and a personal statement
* A completed recommendation of a Club staff member
* A short video telling why you are committed to ending bullying and spreading kindness (full instructions below)(In order to be acceptable, video MUST be a tested YouTube video file saved as one of the following file types: .MOV, .MPEG4 or .MP4)
* **(OPTIONAL)** A current, complete transcript of grades must be uploaded with your application. Grade reports are not accepted. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grades and credit hours for each course and term in which each course was taken

##### ****Selection of Recipients****

Recipients will be selected based on consideration of:

1. Two essays on the following topics:
   * Essay One: What does it mean to be judgement free today and why is this important to you personally? In what ways do you actively promote acceptance, tolerance, kindness, and inclusion on a daily basis?
   * Essay Two: Considering your upcoming college journey or next steps in life, how do you believe that a judgement-free culture – one that fosters kindness and acceptance – can positively impact a community? How will you personally promote these values in the next chapter of your life?
2. Demonstrated leadership and participation in club, school and community activities and work experience
3. A brief personal statement about the student’s club experience and how it has shaped his or her commitment to their community and your respect for others.
4. A recommendation from a Club staff member with comments about the applicant’s demonstration of Judgement Free Generation values
5. A short video telling why the student is committed to ending bullying and spreading kindness.
6. **Video Content Requirements**
   * + - Please respond to the following prompt, repeating the prompt as the first sentence in your video: ***“I am committed to ending bullying and spreading kindness because…”***
       - At the end of your video, please say the following phrase: ***“I am a proud member of the Judgement Free Generation!”***
       - Video Length: 60 seconds or less
       - **In order to be acceptable, video MUST be a tested YouTube video file saved as one of the following file types: .MOV, .MPEG4 or .MP4**

* *Additional Tips:*

1. To get the perfect shot:
   * Make sure the phone/device is turned sideways; by shooting on a horizontal frame, your video fills up the entire frame.
   * Keep the camera steady.
     + If possible, use a tripod with a mobile device adapter
     + OR, if you are shooting the video yourself, you can prop the device up on something stable or prop your elbow on a desk/something stable while you hold the device
     + OR, if a friend is shooting the video, have them seated across from you with their elbows resting on their knees or a table/something stable for support.
   * Stand or sit no more than 3 feet from the device. A shot that shows your upper torso is ideal.
   * Do not zoom in on the camera, as it reduces the quality
   * If possible, please shoot video in a well-lit space (natural lighting preferred)
2. Speak loud and clear
   * Find a quiet area with minimal to no background noise, such as cars, loud talking, televisions, fans, etc.
   * Avoid using any music in the background
   * If you make a mistake, make sure you start from the beginning of that particular thought and not from the middle of a sentence
3. Final reminders…
   * Make sure to look at the camera when speaking
   * Please avoid wearing clothes with highly-visible logos
   * Don’t overthink it. Remember to smile and show your personality in your response!
   * **Save video as one of the following file types: .MOV, .MPEG4 or .MP4**

##### ****Payment of Scholarships****

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Planet Fitness. Payment will be made in one installment in mid-August of the scholars’ freshman year directly to the educational institution. Payments will not be made directly to the scholar.

##### ****Obligations****

Recipients are required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information, and to send a complete transcript when requested.

##### ****Revisions****

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Planet Fitness reserve the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

##### ****For more information or questions:****

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