



CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship

The CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship was established by the CATA and Penny’s family, friends and colleagues to honor her memory. Penny was well-known for her enthusiasm, unfailing work ethic, and unselfish desire and willingness to help people in any way she could. She consistently maintained an “above and beyond” attitude both in the field, in the academic setting, and in her overall outlook on life. Penny was strongly involved in the community, with involvement in numerous activities including tutoring, and teaching first aid and CPR. The recipient of this award should demonstrate similar qualities. The Connecticut Athletic Trainers’ Association awards the **CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship** to one athletic training student enrolled full-time in a Connecticut college or university. This \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually at the CATA Symposium.

Eligibility Requirements-

- Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in an accredited Athletic Training Education Program in Connecticut.
- Applicant must be a student member of NATA and CATA. Out of state students enrolled in an Athletic Training program in Connecticut should change their permanent address to their Connecticut mailing address on the NATA website. This makes the student a member of the CATA and therefore eligible for the scholarship.
- Applicant must have academic standing as a junior or senior (including 5th year)
- Applicant must demonstrate an “above and beyond” attitude both as an athletic training student in the field and academically as well as other activities in which he or she may be involved.
- Applicant must have a demonstrated commitment to the profession.
- Applicant must be in good standing academically in accordance with the requirements of his/her Athletic Training Education Program. There is no other minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship.
- Applicant must confirm his/her intent to pursue the athletic training profession as his/her primary means of livelihood.

Nomination Instructions-

The candidate must be nominated by a licensed athletic trainer in Connecticut. The nominating athletic trainer may not submit more than one nomination for this award.

The following items must be submitted:

1. A letter of nomination from a licensed athletic trainer, on business letterhead.
2. The student application form completed and signed by the nominee (pp. 3-4).
3. One additional letter of recommendation from a licensed athletic trainer, faculty member, or clinical instructor on business letterhead.
4. Copy of NATA membership card
5. Affidavit of enrollment completed by the Athletic Training Education Program Director (p. 5).

The deadline for filing applications for the CATA Penny F. Dunker-Polek Scholarship **April 1st**. Application packets must be postmarked no later than **April 1st** for consideration.

Submit completed application packet and official transcript to:

Eric Scibek, MS, ATC, LAT, CSCS
Sacred Heart University
Human Movement & Sports Science Department
5151 Park Avenue
Fairfield, CT 06825

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ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

Describe any activities in which you participate (organizations, clubs, etc.), including leadership positions.

List any volunteer or community service activities in which you have been involved in over the course of your college career, including leadership positions.

List any honors, awards or other special recognition you have received during your college career. Include academic, departmental, athletic training, volunteer and other community service awards.

List any experience you have had in athletic training.

Briefly describe (in 1 page or less) why you feel you are deserving of the Penny Dunker-Polek Scholarship. (Please attach a separate page, with your name typed at the top).

