**Bedford Crew – Financial Aid Form**

There is no away around it, rowing is a very expensive sport. Bedford Crew is totally self-sufficient and receives no funds from the school district. Instead, our operation relies solely on registration fees and team fundraisers. The $500/season fee goes directly to operational costs (insurance, coach salaries, gas for coach launches, maintenance of equipment, regatta fees, etc). Fundraising efforts typically go toward purchasing equipment.

We understand that this is a lot of money. We also strongly believe that rowing is a great investment and that there is value to every penny spent on rowing – otherwise we wouldn’t ask for it. The return on investment comes in the form of incredible benefits – in health (mental, physical and social), in skills (rowing is a life-long sport), and student marketability (colleges and universities place value on rowing experience).

Having said all this, everyone’s financial situation is different, and sometimes financial difficulties arise. At Bedford Crew, it is our hope that such circumstances do not interfere with a rower’s ability to participate. To that end, we have established a financial aid process based on level of need and available funds. Please complete the form below to the best of your ability. The application will be discussed in a closed session with the utmost confidentiality.

**Date:**

**Athlete Name**:

**Parent or Guardian Name**:

**Email**:

**Phone**:

**Mailing Address**:

**Maximum amount the family is able to contribute**:

**Requesting aid in the amount of**:

**Are there financial circumstances associated with this request that you would like**

**us to know about?**

**How can you help the team outside of the existing team requirements (help in hospitality tent at regattas, help with fundraising, equipment maintenance, trailer transportation, etc.)?**

**To be completed by athlete** (in as many words as you need):

 *What does being a part of Bedford Crew mean to you?*