



## 2020-2021 SPORTS MENTORING PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

**Athletes for Charity** is pleased to announce the re-launch of one of our most successful programs of the past: a **Sports Mentoring Program**. The mission of the Sports Mentoring Program is to educate youth about careers in sports and inspire them to excel academically in preparation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. Students will meet 1-2 times a month to discuss various sports management and career related topics; explore sports related current events/news; and meet with guest professionals working within the sports sector. Each month students will be assigned reading and research projects to complete in order to be eligible for rewards and prizes. Students will also be rewarded for active participation, attendance and academic progress throughout the school year, based on submission of report cards.

### Topics of Discussion will include:

Careers Exploration & Development  
Sports Management  
Sports Medicine  
Sports Journalism  
Sports Law & The Politics of Sports  
Race & Social Justice  
College Bound: Education & Scholarships

Financial Literacy  
Sports Marketing  
Sports Philanthropy  
Entrepreneurship  
Environment & Sports  
Athletes Activism  
STEM of Sports

Students will attend panel sessions featuring special guests from teams, leagues and brands to include the Chicago Bears, Detroit Pistons, New York Liberty, Seattle Krakens, Under Armor, Nike, adidas, NBA, NFL, MLB, ESPN, NASCAR, and a long list of many others.

We invite parents/guardians to submit an application for consideration of your student to be selected to take part in Athletes for Charity's Sports Mentoring Program. Only 100 students will be selected to participate for 2020-2021. The selection process will consist of a review of the completed application and waiver form and a phone interview with Parent and Student. Parents who commit to having their students participate in the program are expected to be actively involved in assisting their student with completion and submission of any assignments. Parents will receive communication informing them whether their student has been selected for the program.

We anticipate having special guest mentors from well over 100 sports teams and brands to serve as Volunteer Presenters and meet with the students for 60 minutes via Zoom sessions throughout the year.

**PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited – students who miss more than three sessions will be removed from the program and the opportunity will be presented to another youth.**

Please complete and sign the attached application and waiver form if you would like your student to be considered for the **2020-2021 Sports Mentoring Program** presented by **Athletes for Charity**.

Please return Permission & Waiver Forms can be scanned and emailed to [info@athletesforcharity.com](mailto:info@athletesforcharity.com); mailed to Athletes for Charity, P.O. Box 3333, East Chicago, IN 46312 or faxed to 866-274-1760.



Please sign the attached Permission Form to enable your student to participate in this unique and rewarding program. Please return Permission Forms by mail, email or fax to 866-274-1760. Students without a signed agreement will not be allowed to participate in the program.

**PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

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**ABOUT ATHLETES FOR CHARITY**

Athletes for Charity is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve as a charitable initiative dedicated towards encouraging the giving of time, financial resources, and information to improve the collective lives of disadvantaged youth, advance the common good and support the nonprofit sectors that benefit youth.

Athletes for Charity achieves its mission by teaming up with professional athletes, sports leagues and teams, various sports professionals, foster care agencies and related organizations, the corporate sector, as well as volunteers and mentors, to empower and support the development of disadvantaged youth. Athletes for Charity's work range from the development and coordination of youth mentoring programs; youth literacy initiatives; STEM education programs; assisting with the establishment of athlete foundations and charitable projects; the planning and implementation of camps and clinics for youth that encompass an educational component; holiday toy drives for underprivileged children; coordination of athlete appearances; and planning special events which include youth and athlete participation i.e. "Bowl with an Athlete," "Back to School / Sports Day," and "Principal for a Day" events.

For more information about Athletes for Charity please visit [www.athletesforcharity.com](http://www.athletesforcharity.com).

Athletes for Charity is a project of United Charitable Programs, Inc. (UCP) – a registered 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1) public charity (EIN# 20-4286082).



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**APPLICATION FORM**

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Gender

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State Zip

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Cell Phone

**Parent Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**STUDENT QUESTIONS**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the questions below in the space provided. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want your honest opinions!*

**(1) What Sports, if any, do you currently play?**

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**(2) What day(s) are you available to attend sessions? Circle all that apply.** M T W Th F Sa Su

**(3) What are your favorite sports teams?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**(4) What is your dream college or university?** \_\_\_\_\_

**(5) What do you want to be when you grow up?**

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**(6) What inspires you and why?**

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**(7) Name one of your role models in sports. What do you admire about him/her and why?**

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**(8) Name an athlete that is famous for his or her efforts in the community. What are they doing to help the world?**

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**(9) What do you hope to learn from our mentoring sessions?**

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### PERMISSION FORM

Please sign the following agreement and return to Athletes for Charity by mail to P.O. Box 3333, East Chicago, IN; email to [info@athletesforcharity.com](mailto:info@athletesforcharity.com) or by fax to 866-274-1760.

As parent/legal guardian, I authorize \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the 2020-2021 Sports Mentoring Program being presented by Athletes for Charity. I understand that the program will primarily be held virtually via Zoom until further notice. I understand that the information contained herein shall be used solely for registration and identification purposes.

I authorize my child to attend sessions held using the Zoom video communication platform. I understand that students under the age of 18 should NOT create their own separate Zoom accounts because (i) they should only be joining Zoom meeting sessions as participants (not separate account holders) and (ii) minors are not permitted to create an account per Zoom's Terms of Service. Parents can create an account to permit their children to use but youth are not permitted to create their own accounts. They can easily access the meetings from the links provided by Athletes for Charity with the Meeting ID and passcodes. The meetings will be restricted to only program staff, registered individuals and guest presenters authorized by program staff to participate in the program activities.

I understand that participation in the program involves risks, including without limitation, risk of cyberbullying and harassment and voluntarily take responsibility for all risks of participant's participation in the program.

I authorize Athletes for Charity to record and photograph my child during his/her participation in the Zoom meetings, and to use such photograph and recordings for non-commercial purposes, including without limitation for purposes of promoting the program through the use of marketing materials, brochures, news releases, newsletters, social media outlets, and the organization's website. I understand that no compensation will be received for usage of images of my child or myself while attending any Athletes for Charity sessions and events.

I understand that my child may be dismissed from the program for any of the following reasons at any time: (1) poor attendance (e.g. excessive lateness, absence, etc.); (2) poor behavior; (3) poor overall academic scores in school; (4) lack of participation; and (5) any other behavior that is deemed inappropriate by the administrators of the program.

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGAINST UNITED CHARITABLE/ATHLETES FOR CHARITY

As parent/guardian, I hereby release United Charitable/Athletes for Charity, its officers, agents, employees, staff, and volunteers from any and all liability of any kind whatsoever for any loss or injury to my child arising from participation in the mentoring program. I have carefully read this agreement and am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself, on behalf of my child, with United Charitable/Athletes for Charity.

This form is effective from **September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_