

RVAA DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TASK FORCE

Scholarship Research & Ideas

Ideas For Regions (and clubs)

- Provide resources on region websites or social media pages for scholarships. If the region itself has a program, market it and make it obvious. It could also be simply education about other programs, foundations, or organizations that offer financial aid to student-athletes and their families. Go out of your way to ensure new members and new directors are aware of the programs.
- Investigate starting a “work program” (such as what AJV does) for region-hosted events. Determine what areas you might need help in (setup, teardown, ticketing, concessions), and ask people to come work. The money they earn could go back to their club dues – regions could cut a check directly to the club the individuals represent.
- Look into starting a scholarship program of your own by partnering with a local business, charitable foundation, or by simply soliciting donations on a website. You could also look into partnering with a Black- or minority-owned business.
- **For Clubs:** If the region offers a scholarship program, work to get the word out to your members. Provide a link on your website and/or social media pages to financial aid resources in your region.

Ideas For The RVAA

- Continue discussions at all levels (committees, zones, general assembly) about ways to make volleyball more inclusive and accessible. Discuss what barriers to entry student-athletes may be facing, and how the body can work toward eliminating those.
- Share best practices among the group. Create a shared file or “library” with scholarship information so each region is aware of what other regions are currently doing, what works, what doesn’t (either a shared Google Doc or a repository on the RVAA website).