



## Mariners Hometown Nine Fellowship Program

### *Fellow Application*

The Hometown Nine provides access to an elite level of training and competition, mentors from the Mariners organization, and additional support to prepare young people for academic success and a future as community leaders. It is part of Mariners and Mariners Care Foundation's commitment to ensuring that all youth have access to organized sports' mental, emotional, academic, and physical benefits.

#### Parent/Guardian Information

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**E-mail Address**

**Primary Phone**

**Address**

#### Additional Parent/Guardian Information

**Relationship to Candidate**

**Please share why you are interested in having your child participate in Hometown Nine and why they would be a good fit for the program.**

The parent/guardian of the Candidate should respond to this question.

#### **Additional Parent/Guardian Contract Information**

Please provide any parent/guardian contact information that was not previously provided above.

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Street Address**

**City**

**State/Province**

**Zip Code**

**Mobile Phone**

**Email**

**Place of Work**

**Job Title**

**Emergency Contact**

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Street Address**

**City**

**State/Province**

**Zip Code**

**Mobile Phone**

**Email**

### Candidate Information

**Candidate's First Name**

**Candidate's Last Name**

**Candidate's Birth Date**

**Gender Identity**

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Gender Non-conforming/Non-Binary
- Decline to State

**Race/Ethnicity**

- African American/ African/ Black
- American Indian/ Alaska Native
- Arab American/ Middle Eastern/ North African
- Asian or Asian American
- European American/ White
- Hispanic/Latino or Latina
- Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander
- A Race/Ethnicity Not Listed
- More than one Race/Ethnicity
- Decline to State

**Does the Candidate live in King, Pierce, or Snohomish County in the state of Washington? Yes/No**

**Is the Candidate legally enrolled as an incoming eighth grader for the 2023-2024 school year? Yes/No**

**School Name (2023-2024)**

**Name of high school Candidate will attend as a freshman:**

**Current GPA:**

**Does anyone in your household or family qualify for free or reduced-price lunch? Yes/No**

**Is there any additional financial information you'd like to share?** Preference will be given to families who demonstrate financial need.

**How did you hear about the Hometown Nine Fellowship program?**

**How many years has the Candidate played baseball/softball?**

**List the teams the Candidate played for over the last three years.**

Team Name	Position	Head Coach	Dates Played

**What organization and team is the Candidate currently playing with?**

**If your child is accepted to the Hometown Nine program, do they intend to stay with their current team or look for a new team?**

Stay with current team/Look for new team

**Does the Candidate aspire to play collegiate baseball/softball Yes/No**

**How does the candidate spend their time outside of school and baseball or softball?**

**Please tell us about the Candidate's educational and school experiences.**

**Has the Candidate been publicly recognized for their work in academics, athletics, civic, community engagement or in other areas of their life? Yes/No**

**Please describe the public recognition and/or awards received by the Candidate.**

## Essay Questions and References

All essays must be completed by the Candidate. Three statements from the Candidate are required. Any materials submitted by a Candidate will only be used to evaluate and select the Hometown Nine Fellows and for no other purpose. All essays have a 2,000-character limit.

**Tell us about yourself and your family. What makes you unique?**

**Why do you want to be a Hometown Nine Fellow? What would be different for you if you participate in this program?**

**What are your personal goals for the future?**

### Reference

Please provide the contact information for a coach or teacher who can serve as a reference for the Candidate.

Name	Connection to Candidate	Phone Number	E-mail Address

### Letters of Support (Optional)

Please upload one letter of support describing why the Candidate should be considered for the Hometown Nine program.

A letter of support can be submitted from coaches, teachers, teammates, or other important people in the Candidate's life. This is optional. Do not upload any documents, e.g., copies of photo IDs, including any sensitive personal information. (Optional Upload)

### Parent/Guardian Statement

*I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of [Candidate] and am submitting this application on behalf of my child/ward. I further certify that all information in each section is accurate and was completed to the best of my knowledge. The essay responses were written by my child or ward and the words are their own. I understand and agree to providing additional proof to verify the accuracy of any/all information presented in this application, including information pertaining to my financial status and my child/ward's official school transcripts.*

*I understand that this is a five-year commitment, and failure to comply with the Agreement may result in immediate dismissal from the program. I and my child/ward agree to adhere to all terms, conditions, and exceptions of the Hometown Nine fellowship should my child/ward be selected as a Class of 2028 fellow and understand that a complete application must be received by the Seattle Mariners on or before the deadline. I consent to the use of my child/ward's personal information in connection with the Hometown Nine program.*

**Candidate's Name \***

**Parent/Guardian Name \***

### Terms of Award

*All decisions made by the Selection Committee are final. Hometown Nine fellows and their parent/guardian will be required to enter into an agreement with the Mariners upon acceptance to the program (the "Agreement"). The Agreement will detail the annual requirements for participation in the Hometown Nine fellowship and provide additional governing terms. The Mariners will have no obligation to any candidate selected to participate in the program until the Agreement is signed. Eligibility to continue in the program is contingent upon the fellow's enrollment in school. Should the fellow become injured or elect to stop playing baseball or softball for any reason, they will continue to have access to full mentorship support and events.*

*To remain in the program, Hometown Nine fellows must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or higher (or equivalent), display good citizenship, and adhere to the requirements set forth in Agreement.*

*All program details shall be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Mariners. Failure to comply with the Agreement may result in full loss of program eligibility and dismissal from the program. Payments for playing fees and associated costs will be paid by Mariners Care directly to each fellow's travel/select program, never directly to the individual.*

*Disclosure of the requested information in connection with this application is voluntary, but the information is required for your child or ward to be eligible to participate in the Hometown Nine Program. The purpose of this information collection is to determine the candidate's eligibility for participation in the Hometown Nine Program. In addition, by applying for the Hometown Nine fellowship, you hereby grant permission to the candidate's coaches to share attendance and performance information with the Selection Committee.*

*By applying for the Hometown Nine fellowship, you grant consent for the Mariners to collect personal information about your child/ward as described in the Application. All personal information included in this application, including third party personal information/email addresses provided, will be collected, stored and used only for purposes of evaluating the application, checking the candidate's references, and administering the program, and not stored or used for any other purpose. By submitting an application, you represent and warrant that you have permission from each such third party to provide their personal information for this purpose.*

*If your child is under 13, we must obtain additional consent to process the application. Please check your inbox for an e-mail from a member of the Hometown Nine selection committee and promptly follow the directions in the e-mail so that we can process the application. If you don't receive an e-mail, please first check your spam folder and then let us know and we will resend the request.*

*The Mariners, through the Hometown Nine program, are committed to changing the culture of competitive baseball and softball by removing barriers and creating a culture of inclusion. The Mariners are committed to working with organizations and teams with Hometown Nine Fellows to learn about and adopt inclusionary practices and attend trainings as provided. More information to be provided as Fellows are selected for the Hometown Nine program. More information to be provided as Fellows are selected for the Hometown Nine program.*

*By checking the box and providing your names below, you acknowledge you have read and understand the above Terms of Award.*

### **Terms of Award**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above Terms of Award

**Candidate's Name \***

**Parent/Guardian Name \***

### Confirmation

#### **Additional Comments (optional)**

#### **Birthdate**

Your Birthdate: Applicants must be 18 or older to submit requests. Please enter a valid birthdate, it will not be stored.

Please note: The final step of the application requires the Applicant/Parent/Guardian to enter their birthdate to submit. Please enter the birthdate of the parent/guardian completing the application on behalf of the Fellow Candidate.

By submitting you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to be bound by our **Terms of Use** and **Privacy Policy**.

### Race and Ethnicity Definitions

- African American/African/Black: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- American Indian/Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Arab American/ Middle Eastern/North African: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Middle East or North Africa.
- Asian or Asian American: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- European American/White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe.

- Hispanic/Latino or Latina: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin.
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.