



NORTH PORT YOUTH SOCCER

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Objective:

The North Port Youth Soccer Academy strives to keep soccer affordable and wishes to reduce the economic barriers of playing soccer. As such, dependent on availability of funds, North Port Youth Soccer will make scholarships available to deserving players and families.

Overview:

- Scholarship amounts awarded will be based on the needs of the family
- The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be up to \$100 of the registration fee of \$130 depending on the number of applicants and amount of scholarship funds available
- Scholarships will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee then presented to the player's home club board
- All applications will be kept confidential. No guarantee of assistance is implied in this application.
- Notification of acceptance will be emailed to you.

Administration:

This scholarship program will be under the direct supervision of the North Port Youth Soccer Vice President. The determination of a family's financial need will be made by the Scholarship Committee.

Criteria & Eligibility:

Any family is eligible to apply for a scholarship if an economic barrier could prevent the player from enjoying and playing soccer. Financial need will be the only determinant in receiving a scholarship. In order to assess financial need, the following will be taken into consideration in awarding the scholarship:

- **Eligibility Guidelines:** · Provide a basis of financial need due to low/no income, excessive medical expenses, family hardships, etc. Provide proof of Medicaid eligibility · Provide Proof of Free Lunch. **Applicant must contribute \$30 toward cost of uniform.**
- Commitment to attend scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by a family member/player for at least 5 hours of voluntary service to North Port Youth Soccer. Volunteer work will be under the direction of the scholarship committee and may consist of field and/or concession assistance.
- Scholarship applications and documents must be turned in one (1) week prior to the close of season's registration for consideration.
- Financial need will be the only factor in awarding a soccer scholarship. Out of respect for privacy, North Port Youth Soccer will not request copies of W-2s, paychecks, tax returns etc. in lieu, as part of the scholarship application, the family will be asked to make a statement declaring how much the family makes annually and during the prior 90 days. This documentation, along with a hardship

letter, will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. At their discretion, the committee may ask for additional documentation from the family during the review process.

- Scholarship recipients will be asked to pay for some portion of the club fees in addition to a player's uniform. If circumstances prevent a family from making any payment, a scholarship will still be considered.

Non-Discretion Clause:

No one will be disqualified from consideration because of sex, race, color, creed, nationality, or religious beliefs.

The North Port Soccer Scholarship Application Form

NPYS Statement:

The North Port Youth Soccer Statement: All participants will be taken into consideration based on availability of funds for scholarships, number of applications received for current season, financial needs of applicant, and number of children in the family playing with North Port Youth Soccer. This application **does not guarantee** a scholarship. Applicants will be notified of status in a timely manner. North Port Youth Soccer is an equal opportunity club. It forbids discrimination of race, religion, sex, nationality, age, and health needs. All information provided will be kept **CONFIDENTIAL**.

• PLEASE COMPLETE ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY. LIST ALL PLAYERS IIN THE FAMILY BELOW

Player Info:

Player Name: _____

Team: _____

Family Address: _____

Father/Guardian Info

Father/Guardian Info:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian Info

Mother/Guardian Info:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Number of Immediate Family Members: _____

Are you a single income family: Yes No

Financial Need

To respect the applicant's privacy, NPYS will not request copies of W-2s, pay stub, or tax returns. In lieu, the applicant is asked to make a good faith declaration of his/her annual income and ability to pay registration fees. This section is **mandatory**. An incomplete application will not be reviewed.

Are there circumstances that prevent the family from paying for the player(s) club fees despite the income amounts shown below? (Circumstances may include loss of employment, separation/divorce, death of a family member, unusual out-of-pocket expenses, etc.) If so, please explain below. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Father/Guardian Annual Income: \$ _____

Income for prior 90 Day period: \$ _____

Mother/Guardian Annual Income: \$ _____

Income for prior 90 Day period: \$ _____

Amount FAMILY could contribute \$ _____

Important Notes

Please review the application to ensure all information is complete and accurate and sign in agreement to the following statement:

I have read The North Port Soccer Scholarship policy. I confirm that the above information is accurate and correct. I understand that NPYS will determine a family need for scholarship. I will supply verification of Free/Reduced Lunch or Food Stamps being received with Scholarship Application along with any other information that may assist in determining eligibility. I will also volunteer 5 hours, on the club level, over the course of the season in which my child participates.

Father/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mother/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed application to the rec registrar, Linda Bissainthe:

recregistrar@northportsoccer.com

Volunteer Form

Player Name:	Approval Date:
Parent/Guardian:	Team:

Date	Location/Event	IN	Out	Hours	Signature

This form must be signed by a member of the NPYS Board of Directors when hours are being completed. A total of 5 hours required.

Contact Us:

recregistrar@northportsoccer.com
www.northportsoccer.com

