

Scholarship Policy

The JWS Board of Directors administers a scholarship program as required by the JWS by-laws and funded by the General Fund.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to ensure a child is not denied the opportunity to participate in softball solely due to financial ability.

Scholarships are available to any player selected for a JWS team. Scholarship awards are based on financial need, not on level of play or skill.

Applications for scholarship, awards, and all related financial information is confidential.

Roles and Responsibilities

Applicant - The applicant is the parent or legal guardian of the youth player(s). The applicant is responsible for providing the information required on the scholarship application.

Scholarship Director – The Scholarship Director is the JWS Board Vice President. The Scholarship Director administers the scholarship process and makes the determinations of need and award. The Scholarship Director works with the JWS Treasurer to ensure funding is available and that awards are made.

Treasurer – The JWS Treasurer manages the scholarship budget.

Team Manager – The team manager will ensure that scholarship awards remain confidential and will limit discussions to the Scholarship Director, Treasurer, and the recipient family. The team head coach may be notified when there is a specific reason to do so.

Evaluation Criteria and Award Levels

Scholarship awards are made based on financial need and financial circumstances that, if not mitigated, would deny a child from participating in the sport.

Scholarship awards are limited to fees and uniform. Travel expenses are not covered by the scholarship program.

JWS scholarship awards are made based on an analysis of the applicant's financial situation and exceptional circumstances. As a general guideline, the US Federal Poverty data (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06poverty.shtml>) from the Department of Health and Human Services is used as a basis for the scholarship determination. Also, the determination considers unusual circumstances such as fires, floods, serious illness, and wage earner disability.

Scholarships are awarded at the following increments.

25%, 50%, 75% - Typical award levels

100% - Extreme financial circumstance

Scholarship Recipient Expectations

JWS is a non-profit organization supported by local businesses and fees paid by members. As such, funding each year is limited and the JWS Board must ensure that the funding is budgeted in a manner that provides the most benefit to the membership.

Recipients of scholarships are expected to assume certain responsibilities and obligations as outlined below.

1. Scholarships are awarded on a confidential basis. Recipients are required to keep scholarship awards confidential and limit discussions to the Scholarship Director, Treasure, and the Team Manager.
2. Recipients are required to participate in fund raising events sponsored by JWS.
3. Recipients are expected to participate in planning and hosting tournament events by JWS.

Application Schedule

All requests for scholarships must be made by the applicant family using the attached application form.

Requests, with a completed application, must be made to the Scholarship Director (JWS Vice President) by the registration deadline.

Determinations of scholarship award will be made by the Scholarship Director within one calendar week of receipt of the application.

Process

1. Applicant family completes and submits the scholarship application form.
2. Scholarship Director evaluates the scholarship application, including meeting with the applicants when necessary, to obtain all necessary information.
3. Scholarship Director notifies the applicant of the award decision.
4. Scholarship Director notifies the Treasure if there is a determination to award a scholarship.

Appeals

An applicant may appeal a decision by the Scholarship Director to the JWS Board President.

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JWS Scholarship Application

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Date: _____

Player's Team: _____

Player's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email address: _____

Explanation of Need:

Financial Information:

Number of people in family (same household): _____

Monthly income (all sources, net before tax): _____

Typical monthly expenses: _____

Unusual expenses: _____

Applicants must provide copies of: Current Tax Return, Welfare/Free and Reduced Lunch Application, Child Support Amount, Government Supplement Income and Insurance Benefits if these are applicable.

I agree that the information provided is accurate, and that my request for scholarship is based on need. Additionally, I agree to actively participate in JWS sponsored events including all fund-raising events.

Parent/Guardian Signatures: _____
