



LSA Scholarship Program Policy



Purpose

The purpose of the Lindale Soccer Association (LSA) Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to eligible youth soccer players who demonstrate a financial need. Our goal is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate in LSA's soccer programs, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. *Age:* Applicants must be between the ages of 3 and 18.
2. *Residency:* Applicants must reside within the designated service area of LSA.
- 3a. *Financial Need:* Applicants must demonstrate financial need, as determined by LSA. Documentation of proof may be requested (e.g., tax returns, proof of income, or a letter explaining the need).
- 3b. *Indirect-Financial Hardship Need:* Applicant must demonstrate a hardship exists that could indirectly affect their ability to financially participate (e.g. medical, unexpected loss of person or property, etc.).
4. *Prior Award Limit:* Applicant has not received a scholarship in the prior 2 consecutive seasons, in which they have participated in LSA.

Application Process

1. *Application Form:* Will be available on LSA's designated registration page.
2. *Application Submission:* Applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application form electronically by the specified deadline.
3. *Documentation:* Applicants must provide all required financial documentation to support their application.

Selection Process

1. *Review Committee:* A Scholarship Review Committee, composed of board members, will review all applications.
2. *Evaluation:* Applications will be evaluated based on submitted need.
3. *Award Decision:* The Scholarship Review Committee will make the final decision on scholarship awards. All decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

Award Details

1. *Amount:* Scholarship amounts may vary based on available funds and the number of qualified applicants. Scholarships may cover partial or full program fees.
2. *Notification:* Applicants will be notified of the award decision by email.
3. *Usage:* Scholarships must be used for the intended soccer season and are not transferable to other seasons or individuals.

Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

1. *Participation*: Recipients are expected to actively participate in all scheduled practices, games, and team events.
2. *Conduct*: Recipients (Guardians and Player) must adhere to the association's code of conduct and demonstrate good sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for coaches, teammates, and opponents.
3. *Volunteer*: Recipients (Guardian) must provide a volunteer service to LSA in one of the following ways listed below. If you fail to complete your volunteer service, it may disqualify you from receiving scholarships in the future.
 - Coaching (Head or Assistant)
 - Team Manager
 - Concession Help
 - Field Day Help
 - Field Marshall

Renewal and Continuation

1. *Reapplication*: Scholarships are awarded on a seasonal basis. Recipients must reapply each season to be considered for support.
2. *Reapplication Limits*: Participants are only eligible for a scholarship for 2 consecutive seasons. Participants must pay full price once this limit has been met to be re-eligible for additional scholarships.

Confidentiality

All information provided in the scholarship application process will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Lindale Soccer Association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law in the administration of its scholarship program.

This policy aims to ensure transparency, fairness, and inclusivity in the distribution of scholarships within Lindale Soccer Association. Lindale Soccer Association may, at the discretion of the board, deviate from this policy on a case by case basis.