



SCHOLARSHIP and LIFECYCLE of the PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Greater Good Lacrosse Scholarship Program provides both monetary and non-monetary financial assistance to student-athletes who demonstrate the emotional, physical, and skill development necessary to play competitive club lacrosse. Scholarships may be awarded based on merit, financial need, or specific criteria set by the program's Board of Directors. Typically, scholarships cover the entire team unless unique circumstances apply.

The program's goal is to cover 100% of the costs associated with player and parent participation in lacrosse. However, scholarship awards depend on the availability of funds in the Greater Good Lacrosse Scholarship Fund. Players and families may join the program at any age, but acceptance and assistance may become more limited as teams solidify and progress.

Program Stages

Early Stage Development (PreK-4th Grade)

- Participation begins with the *Pocket Aces Summer Camp/Clinics*, designed to foster a love for the game, encourage fun, develop friendships and build foundational skills.
- Players and parent-coaches start to form teams during these early years. Greater Good Lacrosse supports these parent-coaches in helping organize, develop and offer financial support for registration into structured games and league play.
- The focus is on providing resources for players, parents and coaches to succeed as they progress through these early stages of development toward more competitive play. Staying together is key!

Competitive Development Stage (5th Grade Onward)

- By 5th grade, teams transition to competitive-level club lacrosse. Scholarships are available for team members who wish to stay together and compete as a club.
- Players, parents, and coaches are expected to:
 1. Participate in fundraising and community service events.
 2. Uphold the Greater Good Lacrosse Code of Conduct.
- Greater Good Lacrosse assists with additional coaching resources as needed.
- As roster spots open, tryouts are held to fill specific team needs, and new families can access scholarship assistance.

- From middle school through early high school, the program also provides guidance on playing at the high school level, college aspirations, and navigating the college recruiting process.

The Finish Line Stage (Post-Sophomore Year in High School)

- Coaching resources continue to ramp up to provide HS players the type of coaching necessary to acclimate players to HS and College level competition.
- Travel tournaments, showcase events and other high level - late stage events will become a bigger part of the programs budget, but also the most significant barrier for players deserving of those opportunities.
- Players are encouraged to consider the following pathways:
 - **Division III Schools:** Focus on academic scholarships; grades remain a priority, and lacrosse can make a difference in the admissions process. This can be a great path to get a great education and continue to play lacrosse in college.
 - **Division II and Division I Schools:** Recruitment begins after sophomore year (DII: June 15, DI: September 1 of junior year). DI coaches typically reach out directly.
- High school players are encouraged to mentor younger teams and give back to the program.
- The foundation aims to provide financial assistance for college expenses! Program alumni who have excelled academically, athletically, and in community service are eligible to receive financial assistance from the Greater Good Lacrosse Scholarship Fund toward their college expenses.

Full Circle Stage (College and Post-College)

- Alumni are supported through networking opportunities, mentorship, and continued involvement in lacrosse. The goal is to foster lifelong connections through the Greater Good Lacrosse community.

Eligibility Criteria

The primary path to eligibility is forming a team as a dedicated parent-coach. Individual players and families are also encouraged to get involved. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Strong academic performance.
- Fundamental lacrosse skill development.
- A commitment to Greater Good Lacrosse's mission of service, philanthropy, and leadership.

Application Process

To apply, email team@greatergoodlacrosse.org to start a conversation.

Awarding the Scholarship

Monetary Awards

- Limited to high school graduates at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Non-Monetary Support

- Includes:
 - Coaching and mentorship.
 - Tournament and league entry fees.
 - Uniforms and protective equipment.
 - Access to special coaching, academic tutoring, and speed, strength, and agility training.

Recipient Responsibilities

Scholarship recipients must:

- Uphold the Greater Good Lacrosse Code of Conduct.
- Maintain academic and athletic performance.
- Participate in community service, fundraising, and program promotion efforts.

Renewal and Continuation

Scholarships are intended to renew each season through HS graduation, but are always contingent on funding availability.