



DC Soccer Scholarship Application Instructions

DC Soccer's mission is for the promotion and development of soccer in the D.C. area. An integral component in reaching this goal is to ensure that no youth in D.C.'s soccer community are unable to play travel soccer due to financial limitations.

Qualifications:

- Scholarships may be awarded to any person 18 and under who is a resident of the District of Columbia or the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and who is playing on or has been invited to play on a Washington DC area travel soccer team.
- Player's family must demonstrate a financial need as proven by supporting documentation.
- Please include one of the following documents:
 - copy of your most recent state or federal tax return, or
 - proof of eligibility for school lunch program, or
 - a "statement of extraordinary circumstances"
- One of the factors for consideration is that the player maintains a GPA of 2.0 or above throughout the subsequent year. The applicant must submit a copy of their most recent report card with the application materials.
- The player must have medical insurance

Additional Information:

- Please submit your completed application no less than 6 weeks prior to the start of the fall or spring season.
- The application should include:
 - The completed application form;
 - A supplemental essay written by the applicant;
 - A Coach's recommendation;
 - A copy of the player's most recent player card (if applicable);
 - The applicant's most current report card; and
 - A document demonstrating financial need.

Scholarship Coverage:

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$250.00 per season. Grantees are selected by DC Soccer's Scholarship Selection Committee based on a review of all applications. Once awarded, the use of the scholarship funds is the discretion of the soccer club on behalf of the player.

- Scholarships can be used to cover:
 - League/club registration fees
 - Equipment including: uniform pieces, cleats, shin guards, water bottle, and ball
 - Local transportation allowance
 - Coaching Fees
 - Tournament expenses including registration fees, accommodations, meals, and team activities, within reason
 - Professional coaching clinics
 - Off-season training including fitness and agility training
 - Other expenses, within reason, that allow applicant to participate in all team-related activities and that provide applicant additional team-related equipment/materials
- Expenses that scholarship funds cannot be used for include but are not limited to: any family costs, including transportation, accommodations, and meals.
- Scholarship funds will be remitted directly to the soccer club in which the scholarship recipient will participate on the condition that the club agrees to apply the scholarship funds solely to the recipient's soccer fees and expenses. The Scholarship Selection Committee may require additional information after an award has been made to establish that the scholarship is being used for its intended purpose. If there is any indication that the scholarship is not being used for its intended purpose, the Selection Committee will investigate and take corrective action, which may include taking reasonable steps to recover or restore the funds and precluding the recipient from receiving further awards.
- There is no limit on eligibility and the player may receive this scholarship for as many seasons as he/she qualifies, however the player must reapply each fall.

Additional Information

- Players selected to receive scholarship funds from DC Soccer will be required to do 20 hours of community service over the course of the year
- Please send completed applications to: DC Soccer – Scholarship: 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 615, Washington, DC 20036
- All information will be kept confidential by DC Soccer and its Board of Directors