

Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association

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Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association Academic Scholarship

Scholarship Philosophy

WCYSA has a responsibility to not only encourage children to participate in the sport of soccer, but to strive in the areas of education in preparation for their future.

Requirements:

- The scholarship is open to soccer players and referees who have participated in WCYSA.
- The scholarship focuses on academics and the individual must be accepted to either a community college, four year university, or a technical school.
- Applicants must possess a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.

Procedures:

- Applicant must provide a cover letter for their application.
- Applicants are required to indicate the following in their scholarship application:
 1. Number of years individual has been involved in soccer, what level has the applicant played at (i.e.: recreational, select, ODP teams, high school), positions played, special soccer awards.
 2. Has the applicant refereed?
 3. Has the applicant helped coach a team?
 4. What extra curricular activities or community service has the applicant been involved with outside of soccer?
 5. What is the applicant's academic plans following graduation from high school?
- Three letters of recommendation from: 1) a member of the soccer community 2) a member of the academic community 3) a character reference from outside of the academic and soccer community. References from parents or family will not be considered.
- A letter from the applicant's school counselor must accompany the application indicating that the applicant has satisfied requirements of graduation up to the date of the application. A transcript must be provided at time of application and at proof of graduation.
- Notification of scholarship availability will be distributed through all the WCYSA teams that are under 18/19 as well as to all WCYSA Clubs. Notifications of the scholarship will also be made in the WCYSA Newsletter and sent to local high school career/counseling centers.

- Applications are accepted from February through mid-May (check due date on application) of the year the scholarship is awarded.
- A scholarship selection committee composed of member of the WCYSA Board of Directors will determine to whom the scholarships have been awarded.
- A \$1,500 Scholarship will be awarded to one boy and one girl.
- Once the recipients have been determined and proof of graduation is submitted a check will be issued and sent to the school of the recipient's choice.