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Whatcom County Youth Soccer Association (WCYSA) is pleased to offer two academic scholarship opportunities for students.

- WCYSA Academic Scholarship – this \$1500 scholarship (2 scholarships offered - \$1,500 will be awarded to one boy & one girl) is offered directly from our association. The scholarship philosophy outline, requirements and application are enclosed.
- Mike Grimes Soccer Fest Scholarship – This year the Mike Grimes Soccer Fest will be donating \$350 to the WCYSA Academic Scholarship (\$175 per). Bringing the total scholarship amount to **\$1,650 for each boy and girl!**

Please duplicate the information and applications as necessary. *You can request an electronic version of the WCYSA Scholarship Application form from me via email or the form is also posted on our website – www.whatcomsoccer.com*

Thank you for your assistance in reaching those who may benefit from this opportunity. We receive wonderful applications from many great student athletes each year. We're proud to help our young soccer players take on the new challenges they face upon graduation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lance Calloway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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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 \$1,650 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.

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2017 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Send/drop off completed application & all documentation by May 15, 2017 to above address

Please complete this application and mail it in along with the following:

- A cover letter
- All of the following letters of Recommendation:
 - At least one related to soccer
 - At least one related to school
 - At least one character reference from other sources (References from parents/relatives will not be considered)
- Proof of acceptance into college or technical school
- A letter from the applicant's school counselor indicating the applicant has satisfied the requirements of graduation up to the date of the application.
- An official school transcript

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Gender: _____

Most current team you played for: _____

Age group: _____ How long have you played on this team? _____

If less than 5 years, list other teams you have played on and the Club(s) for the last 5 years.

High School currently attending: _____

Telephone Number: _____ GPA _____ Class Rank _____

Have you received any special soccer awards? If so, give details: _____

Have you received other academic or other awards? If so, give details: _____

Have you refereed? _____ If so, how long? _____ Have you helped coach a team? _____

If so, please include team age group and name? _____

What extra curricular activities have you been involved with outside the soccer community?

Educational goals: _____

IF A SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED THE CHECK WILL BE WRITTEN & SENT TO THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE UPON GRADUATION

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Scholarship Application Check List

Please be sure all of the items below are included in your application packet.
Your application & documentation must be **received or postmarked by May 15th, 2017**

- | A cover letter
- | A completed Scholarship Application
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