



# Northwest Nationals Premier Soccer Club



## Scholarship Assistance Program Policy

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Northwest Nationals Premier Soccer Club (“NWN”) has established a program under which players/parents can *apply to* receive a scholarship for part of the club fees necessary to play for NWN. Scholarships are awarded based upon the financial needs of the applicant, availability of funds in the scholarship program, and approval by the Scholarship Committee using its’ established criteria. Because of the large number of scholarship applicants in 2010-2011, the Committee decided to award only partial scholarships. NWN anticipates that the number of applicants for the 2011-2012 season will be the same as, if not more than, the number for the 2010-2011 season and we will likely continue to award scholarships that cover only a part of the club fee. The maximum amount awarded will be determined by the Committee. The program is open to all registered players/parents who meet the financial criteria, and who provide NWN with a complete and accurate application and supporting documentation.

### **Scholarship Application Criteria, Review and Approval:**

1. NWN will make the Scholarship Application Form available to the managers of each team at the start of each season. The application form will then be distributed to each player as part of the player registration packet. Applications are also available from the Club Administrator at any time.
2. All applicants must completely fill out all information on the Scholarship Form and all additional paperwork necessary for NWN player registration to be considered for a scholarship. This includes the NWN Player Registration, Medical Release and Player Parent Contract.
3. Interested applicants from all age groups need to apply before June 20<sup>th</sup>. Completed applications must be submitted to:

NW Nationals Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 143  
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

4. Completed applications received by the deadline normally will be processed and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee within four (4) weeks of the application deadline. All submissions and information will be reviewed solely by the committee and, if necessary, the NWN Board to maintain confidentiality. Any applications received after the deadline will be considered in the order in which they are received, and only if scholarship funds are available.
5. To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must make all payments when due until the time scholarship determinations are made, and if received, applicant will be obligated to continue with timely payments of their pro-rata portion of club fees.

6. The review policy for the Scholarship Committee is as follows:
  - a) The committee is selected by the NWN Board of Directors and will consist of a maximum of two coaches, two parents and two selected members of the community.
  - b) The committee will follow the guidelines outlined for the scholarship program.
  - c) The committee members may not participate in a review or lobby for any player rostered on their team.
7. Applicants will receive acceptance or denial by written notification by NWN *usually* within six (6) weeks of the application deadline. Each successful applicant will receive a written notice specifying the amount of the award. The applicant must sign and return that notice within 10 days, confirming the awarded amount and confirming the applicant's commitment and obligation to pay the remaining balance.
8. When scholarships are determined, any amounts awarded will be applied to the remaining club fees due in order to reduce future payments. If an applicant receives a partial scholarship for club fees and, at any time, the applicant's account becomes delinquent, NWN reserves the right to revoke the scholarship award.
9. All scholarships awarded are reviewed periodically and, if appropriate, subject to withdrawal based upon an improved change in the economic status of an applicant or their family. NWN reserves the right to request updated financial information from any applicant awarded a scholarship at any time during the year.
10. Scholarship requests may be processed during any month in which they are received provided scholarship funds are available.
11. Each individual will be judged on the basis of merit, with respect to the financial and other criteria established by the Scholarship Committee.

**Scholarship Criteria:**

Applicants may be awarded a scholarship for part of the club fees for NWN, based upon availability of funds, if the applicant meets the low-income financial criteria established by NWN, has completed and provided all necessary documentation to the Committee, and has paid all current fees and past amounts due to NWN. However, the determination of eligibility and/or the amount of any scholarship is within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants not meeting the low-income financial criteria may still be awarded a waiver of a portion of NWN Club fees, based upon availability of scholarship funds, if the applicant has provided all documentation requested by the Committee, and has paid all current fees and past amounts due to NWN. The Scholarship Committee will review the financial need of the applicant from the information submitted and provided by the applicant. However, the determination of eligibility and/or the amount of any scholarship is within the sole and exclusive discretion of the Scholarship Committee.



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## Scholarship Assistance Application 2011-2012

Full Name of Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Played with NWN: \_\_\_\_\_ Members in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children playing with NWN: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Scholarship Criteria:**

In order to be eligible to receive low income financial assistance for a scholarship, the applicant's family must meet the government's low-income household criteria as listed below. The schedule is based on the National Reduced Free Lunch program.

#### **USDA Child Nutrition Program\***

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
Each Adtl Person:	\$6,919	\$577	\$134

\*Values until June 30, 2011

**Applicant must provide one of the following verifying documents for eligibility:** Free School lunch program, Welfare Coupons, Childcare Assistance, Food Stamp Program, Medicaid, Aid for Dependant children, Most Recent year's 1040 tax return.

### **Applicants not meeting the above requirements:**

Please submit proof of income with most recent tax return, current check stubs, or other documentation to verify your income. Please attach any additional information you feel the Scholarship Committee should consider.

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO NW NATIONALS SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. A NOMINAL ADMINISTRATION FEE MAY OCCUR. EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL BE JUDGED ON THE BASIS OF MERIT.**

**The information that I have provided NW Nationals is true and correct and I will notify them of any change in my current income. I further understand that successful applicants are expected to engage in a minimum of ten (10) hours of volunteer activities for the benefit of NW Nationals, South Snohomish County Youth Soccer Association, or Washington Youth Soccer.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_