



Northwest Nationals Premier Soccer Club



Scholarship Assistance Program Policy

Northwest Nationals Premier Soccer Club has established a program for which players/parents can *apply to* receive a scholarship for part or all of the player fees. Scholarships are awarded based upon the financial needs of the applicant, availability of funds in the scholarship program and approval by the Scholarship Committee based upon its' established criteria. The program is open to all registered players/parents who meet the financial criteria, and or are able to provide Northwest Nationals with a complete and accurate application and supporting documentation.

Scholarship Application Criteria, Review and Approval:

1. Northwest Nationals will make the Scholarship Application Form available to the managers of each team at the manager's meeting in the first week of April. Applications are available from the Club Administrator at any time.
2. The application form will then be distributed to each player as part of the player registration packet.
3. All applicants must completely fill out all information on the Scholarship Form and have all additional paperwork necessary for NW Nationals player registration to be considered for a scholarship. This includes the NW Nationals Player Registration, Medical Release and Player Parent Contract.
4. Interested applicants need to apply before **April 20th, 2008** by returning the completed application to:
NW Nationals Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 143
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
5. Completed applications received by the deadline will *normally* be processed and reviewed in the **first week of May** by the Scholarship Committee. All submissions and information will be reviewed solely by the committee 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.
6. The review policy for the Scholarship Committee is as follows:
 - a) The committee is selected by NW Nationals 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 by 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 NW Nationals *usually* by **June 1st**.
8. All scholarships awarded are reviewed periodically and if necessary, subject to withdrawal based upon an improved change in the economic status of an applicant or their family. NW Nationals reserves the right to request updated financial information from any applicant awarded a scholarship at any time during the season year.
9. Scholarships may be processed during any month in which they are received provided scholarship funds are available.
10. Each individual will be judged on the basis of merit.

Full Scholarships:

Applicants may be entitled to a full scholarship of the Player and Club fees, based upon availability of funds, if the applicant meets the standard for low income family as established by NW Nationals and has completed and provided all necessary documentation to the Club.

Partial Scholarships:

Applicants not meeting the low income family criteria may still be entitled up to a partial waiver of Player and Club fee, based upon availability of scholarship funds. The Scholarship Committee will review the financial need of the applicant from the information submitted and provided by the applicant and award financial assistance at its sole discretion.

