

BYSA Travel Scholarship Purpose, Policy & Guidelines

The purpose of the BYSA scholarship program is to provide children the opportunity to participate in a competitive travel program who otherwise would not have this opportunity without financial support.

The funds to cover the scholarships are generated from the Barrington Invitational Tournament and associated sponsorships. A substantial number of volunteers contribute their efforts during this tournament to raise the funds used for the scholarships. Guidelines for the Scholarship program:

1. To be considered for a scholarship, you must submit an application via the form on our website no later than midnight on June 30th of the upcoming fall season.
2. Scholarships are designated for players committing to participate in the BYSA Travel program.
3. Scholarships are prioritized for families experiencing financial difficulty, evidenced by eligibility for free or reduced lunch through your school district. Please upload your player's qualification letter from the School District for the most recent school year to complete this Scholarship Application. Priority will be given to players on free or reduced lunch.
4. If your player does not qualify for free or reduced lunch but you have a genuine need, you may still apply by completing the associated form. Based on demand, the club may request additional information to evaluate your scholarship application.
5. Scholarships are limited and distribution is at the discretion of the club and available funds for scholarships for the upcoming season.
6. Scholarship recipients commit to the club for the duration of their scholarship request. If a player leaves before the term of their commitment concludes, they are responsible for the remainder of their fee.
7. Players are expected to attend all practices, training sessions, and games. Notify the coach in advance if a player cannot attend. For returning players, the coach may be contacted to confirm commitment and attendance from the previous year before awarding a scholarship.
8. Parents/guardians of scholarship recipients must contribute a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service at the Barrington Invitational held the first weekend in November annually. Additionally, please register with the BYSA Board for tasks throughout the season. Proof of volunteer service may be required for future scholarship consideration. Failure to complete volunteer service may result in deactivation of the player's scholarship.
9. Scholarships are awarded for the season or year requested only. Players requiring scholarships for consecutive seasons/years must reapply.
10. 50% Scholarship: Funds are intended to cover the majority of Club fees inclusive but not limited to Fields Usage fees, Referee Assignor fees, Registrar Fees. With Board approval a full Scholarship may be awarded.

11. Scholarship recipients are responsible for any costs not associated with their club registration. Examples may include uniform costs, tournament or indoor seasons beyond those included in the standard program offering.

Players awarded scholarships will be notified via email no later than two weeks following the submission deadline . Please note that acceptance into a team is required prior to applying for a scholarship. It is important to clarify that no scholarship covers all expenses for the player throughout the year; even a "full" scholarship does not cover all expenses.