

Belle Plaine Fastpitch Association Scholarship Policy and Application

The Belle Plaine Fastpitch Association seeks to provide the development of athletes through the softball community. The BPFA has created a scholarship program which may provide some financial assistance for need-based families. It is our goal to use these scholarship funds to help those who need it most.

Each player that has their registration fee waived is still responsible for:

- Fulfilling the required volunteer hours. If the required hours are not completed within the waived season, the player will not be allowed to register for future seasons.
- Completing the fundraising requirements.

Scholarship Guidelines:

1. A custodial parent or legal guardian of a participant who qualifies for the free/reduced lunch program or Department of Health and Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF Emergency Fund) program may apply for a scholarship for financial assistance of full or partial registration fees. You must submit a copy of your qualification letter with your scholarship application. When an applicant is receiving free or reduced lunch, it is evidence of the person's low income and inability to pay BPFA fees.
2. Families with children who attend paid private school may not be eligible for BPFA scholarships.
3. Scholarships only apply to the BPFA registration fee. Families who receive FREE Lunch will qualify for 100% of registration fees and those who qualify for Reduced Lunch will be obligated to pay 20% of registration fees. Families will be required to fulfill volunteer hours and pay any additional fees such as additional uniforms not included in registration, additional tournament fees, optional clinics, and required fundraising. Scholarship funds will not cover these additional fees or responsibilities. All fees above and beyond the registration fee are the responsibility of the participant. Failure to complete volunteer hours or pay the buyout fee may result in disqualification from the scholarship program for ALL family members. Participants are responsible for reaching out to the BPFA Board to resolve issues, if applicable, in a timely manner. There is no appeal for BPFA Board's decisions regarding scholarship eligibility.

Please contact the board to drop off your application or mail your application to the board.

BPFA Board

P.O. Box 56

Belle Plaine, MN 56011

BPFA Scholarship Application

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

You will be contacted by email regarding your scholarship application. If you prefer a different form of communication, please let us know.

This form must be accompanied by proof of enrollment in the free/reduced lunch program at your school or Department of Health and Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

1. I am requesting Full Registration Scholarship [☐] Partial Registration Scholarship [☐]
2. My child(ren) receive reduced school lunches: Yes [☐] No [☐]
3. My child(ren) receives free school lunches: Yes [☐] No [☐]
4. School Calendar Year _____

Please list the child(ren) interested in participating in BPFA below.

Participant First & Last Name	School	DOB	Grade	Amount (BPFA use only)

Submit this completed form with a copy of your qualification letter from the school or school district office, or the Department of Health and Human Services.

All information provided must be true and accurate.

Providing false information may result in player/family ineligibility for the current and/or future participation.

I certify that I have read and understand the information on this form, and that the information submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date