



## Player Scholarship Application

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is a non-profit, all-volunteer program. Our mission is to provide soccer opportunities to as many young athletes as possible in a fun, fair and safe environment.

Our basic policy is that parents/guardians should finance their children's registration fees to the "extent that they are able." Because our goal is maximum participation, a scholarship fund has been established in our region to help parents/guardians with the registration fee. Scholarships are available for the Spring and Fall Core Programs and the EPIC program. Scholarships are not applicable to the Extra, All-Star, and Select program.

The AYSO Region 878 Board has allocated the following scholarships per season:

- Up to 5 full Core program scholarships per season
- Up to 2 full EPIC program scholarships per season
- Partial scholarships may be available per funding.

Additional partial and/or full scholarships may be approved based on the funding available.

The Region Board will decide on the scholarship request and notify the registrant of the partial or full scholarship awarded. Scholarship applications will be processed as they are received. If additional scholarship funds become available, the Region 878 Board MAY approve additional scholarships.

An AYSO Region 878 scholarship is based on the financial need of families who are not able to pay for all or part of their child's registration in order to participate. Because there are limited funds available, the scholarships will go to families who demonstrate the greatest need while scholarship funds remain available.

### **Deadline and Criteria:**

1. The application to request a player scholarship must be submitted during the registration period.
2. Parents/guardians must complete the online [Player Scholarship Application](#) form. The information provided will be held in complete confidence.
3. Families receiving first consideration will be those able to provide documentation that supports the financial need such as proof of current government financial aid or that the child is a participant of a free school lunch program (Title I student). In addition, or as an alternative, AYSO will also give priority to recommendations received from government agencies, social agencies, or school administrators (such as a school principal). The Regional Commissioner, Treasurer, or CVPA may request to see (but won't require copies) the verification documents.
4. Amount and type of previous volunteerism provided by the applicant's family or child may improve consideration for a scholarship. Failure to meet previous volunteer commitments or lack of willingness to volunteer will also be a consideration.
5. Players who have received scholarship funds within this Membership Year (August through July) are eligible to apply again, but new applicants MAY be given priority. Players who have received scholarship funds in previous Membership Years, but not the current year, will be treated as new applicants.