



Scholarship Application 2023 - 2024 Season **MLS Next Academy Program**

Scholarship Application Procedures and Requirements:

It is the absolute wish of the Chargers SC to not turn away a player due to an inability to pay; however, as a non-profit organization, there are limited funds to do so. **An application for scholarship assistance for Club registration fees is a certification that the player will not be able to participate in the program without scholarship assistance due to severe family financial situations.** Please Note: Scholarships are NOT granted for Travel expenses.

What amount can be expected should my Scholarship Application be approved? That is difficult to know upfront; however, based on the available funds annually for scholarships and the number of applications received in prior seasons, full scholarships have been unheard of and, the average scholarship grant per player fell in the \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 range, but may vary depending on the documented situation.

Mandatory Club Volunteerism: As a non-profit, volunteerism is one of the keys to the Club's success. Applicants that are approved will be required to volunteer in Club-organized activities. **All scholarship recipients will be assigned additional REQUIRED hours (depending on age group) that need to be completed by 2/1/24. (If the hours are not worked by 2/1/24, your child will be blocked from practicing/playing with their team until completed. Volunteer opportunities are available as early as August/September with the annual Labor Day Tournament.)** Please note that all volunteer hours submitted will be applied FIRST toward your required scholarship volunteer hours and THEN, once those are satisfied, to your volunteer fee reimbursement.

If your scholarship is approved and you do not fulfill your volunteer requirement, the scholarship will be rescinded (and the player will not be eligible to practice or play with their team) until your volunteer service is fulfilled. If accommodations are needed for your volunteerism, please provide that information on the next page.

Required Documents: Scholarship grant decisions are made on a financial need basis only. Providing copies of the required forms (listed on the next page) properly documents your potential financial need. Please note that your documents will be held in the strictest confidence!! **An application will not be considered without the appropriate forms attached.**

All applications will be reviewed by the Chargers SC Executive Board and applicants will be notified in a timely manner of the Board's decision. Please remember turning in an application does not guarantee approval of a scholarship. Status will be determined and communicated as soon as possible after the Board decisions are complete.

How Scholarship Grants Are Applied: If you are granted a scholarship, that amount will be applied to the last portion of your Club registration fees and will NOT be posted to your billing account UNTIL your required volunteer hours have been completed (signed and submitted on a Volunteer Hours Log Form), AND your non-scholarship registration fees AND team fees/travel expenses have been paid in full.

Scholarship recipients can take advantage of Extended Payment Plans for their non-scholarship portion. If the non-scholarship fees and travel/team fees are not paid by the end of the season, the player will be placed in bad standing with FYSA for the full amount including the scholarship portion.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION: 7/31/23 (but sooner is better, if possible)

Because it takes time to organize and process the applications, we'd greatly appreciate submission as early as you can. Please email them to Kristie@ChargersSoccer.com or mail to "Grant Program, Chargers Soccer Club, Post Office Box 7963, Clearwater, FL 33758". Please look for a confirming email that your application has been received. If you do not receive a confirmation, please email Kristie to confirm receipt.



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Date: ____/____/____

Player Name: _____ Player's Birth date: ____/____/____

Community/Team Age Group: _____ Coach's name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: (____)_____ Cell Phone: (____)_____ E-mail address _____

Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Please answer each of the following questions and attach copies of the requested documents:

Initial here that you have read and understand the program description on the previous page.

Please tell us why an Extended Payment Plan and available fundraising opportunities alone will not work to help you make full payment of Club registration fees:

How many adults are supported by your total household income? _____ How many children? _____

If you require any accommodation(s) for you to complete your required volunteer hours at Club organized events, please let us know what that is:

Check off below all that pertain to you and attach that documentation. **The 2022 Federal Income Tax Return (that claims this player as a dependent) is required of all applicants – please black out all social security numbers on the copy you submit!!** The other documents are only required if they pertain to your child. **An application will not be considered without the appropriate forms and will be returned to you.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2022 Tax Return | <input type="checkbox"/> medical assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> subsidized housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> free school lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> reduced school lunch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) _____ | | |

Please provide any Statements of Special Circumstances on the other side of this page.

By signing this application, I confirm that all statements in this application (including attachments) are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if my child is granted a scholarship, as a condition of the scholarship, I will be responsible for paying all non-scholarship registration fees and travel fees, if any, and fulfilling all required volunteer hours and will be asked to support my child in attending practices, games and clinics that the coach asks the team to participate in. I understand that if I do not fulfill these things, the scholarship may be rescinded. If approved for a scholarship, I know I can complete an Extended Payment Plan form at that time to pay the balanced owed in Club dues in multiple payments.

(Print Name) _____
Date: ____/____/____

(Signature) _____