Player Scholarship Program

Recreational League Players

Purpose

The purpose of the Auburn Soccer Association *Player Scholarship Program* is to further the association's mission by awarding financial aid to ensure that all children and youth in the Auburn community who wish to play soccer are able to do so.



Overview

Limited financial aid is available for families who meet Auburn Soccer Association's *Player Scholarship Program* guidelines. Financial aid is awarded based on need on a first-come, first-served basis, once the application is complete, until approved funds are exhausted. Scholarships are granted per season for Recreational League players.

Scholarship Amount

For Recreational League players, the scholarship pays the <u>Registration Fee</u> (\$65), which includes socks and a jersey.

Scholarship Eligibility

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Assistance is available to players residing in Auburn, only.
- Program participants will be eligible for CDBG assistance no more than two times per CDBG program year. This includes all sports.
- Applicants must meet the latest HUD income limits.
- A separate application must be completed for each participant (e.g., siblings).

Application Period

For Recreational League players, the scholarship application period is the same as the regular online registration period: beginning the first day of online registration and ending the last weekday of registration. The official application period is posted online at AuburnAlabama.org/Soccer/Youth.

Application Process

- **Step 1**: Recreational League applicants must register for soccer at the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department (Harris Center, 425 Perry Street), at which time they request a *Sports Voucher Program Application for Assistance* form.
- **Step 2**: All applicants must complete the *Sports Voucher Program Application for Assistance* form and provide all required documentation. <u>Incomplete applications will not be accepted</u>.
- **Step 3**: All applicants must contact the City of Auburn Community Development Division's Housing and Community Development Coordinator at 334-501-7280 to schedule an interview to review the *Sports Voucher Program Application*. Walk-ins will not be accepted.
- **Step 4**: Applications approved by the City of Auburn Community Development Division are reviewed by the Auburn Soccer Association's Scholarship Committee, and recommended to the Board of Directors for approval.
- **Step 5**: Applicants are notified by the League Sports Coordinator, and the applicant's registration process is thereby completed.

Supplemental Aid for Player Equipment

Upon request, to help players purchase proper equipment (e.g., shorts, cleats, ball, shinguards), a supplemental scholarship amount of up to \$30 may be awarded in the form of a Gift Card or voucher. For more information, contact Ryan Molt at 334-501-2943 or RMolt@AuburnAlabama.org.

Auburn Soccer Association's complete, official *Player Scholarship Program: Overview, Policies, and Procedures* is available online at **AuburnAlabama.org/Soccer/Youth**.