



WYS ODP Scholarship Guidelines and Policies

Application Deadline is **October 12, 2011**

No applications will be accepted after the deadline.



These policies are effective beginning with the 2011/2012 program year

OFFICIAL NAME:

The name of this scholarship program shall be the *Wyoming Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (WYS ODP) Scholarship Fund*.

ADMINISTRATION:

This scholarship program will be under the direct supervision of the WYS board of directors.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- At each budget planning session the WYS board will determine the available dollar amount for the coming year's scholarship program, which must be within the stated operating policies of WYS ODP.
- The program will be funded purely by donations and fund raising efforts specifically held to benefit this scholarship program.
- A committee of 4 to 5 members, consisting of board members and delegates of WYS affiliated clubs, will be assembled to review each year's applications. Those with a child(ren) in the program are not eligible to join the committee.
- The yearly total scholarship amount awarded will be determined by each applicant's stated need.
- The maximum amount one individual may receive over a five (5) year period will be \$1,000, limited to \$470 per year.
- Any unused scholarship awards will remain in the fund and used for future awards.
- Scholarship funds are to be used only for the following:
 - Yearly Program Fee
 - Region IV ODP Camp
 - Air, bus, or other public transportation for attending ODP Championships and RIV ODP Camp.
- A player must remain in good standing with WYS ODP to be eligible to receive awarded funds.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Applicant must be continually enrolled in a public or private school in Wyoming.
2. Applicant must have played soccer with a WYS affiliated club/association during the corresponding year. Local association is defined as an association in good standing with Wyoming Youth Soccer.

3. Previous scholarship recipients must apply each year.
4. Applicant must submit their most recent report card and school attendance record.
5. Applicant is required to complete the WYS ODP Scholarship Application and return the application with required supplementary forms by the application deadline.
6. Awarded scholarship funds will be applied directly to the recipient's WYS ODP program account. No funds will be paid directly to the recipient.
7. Scholarship applications can be obtained by:
 - Requesting an application by e-mail from WYS: **wssa@wyomingsoccer.com**
 - Downloading an application from the WYS ODP web site
 - Requesting an application by mail from WYS:
WYS ODP Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1068 • Laramie, WY 82073-1068
8. **Submit a total of 5 complete application packets that include the application and all requested materials. Photocopies can be used.**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Demonstrated financial need.
2. Applicant's involvement in youth soccer as a player.
3. Applicant's ability to volunteer with WYS ODP or their local club to perform duties related to the daily operations of each.
4. Applicant's parent's/guardian's ability to volunteer with WYS ODP to perform duties related to daily operations.
5. Applicant's ability to succeed in the program, based on an evaluation by the WYS ODP technical director.
6. Letters of recommendation from their youth soccer club coach or, if applicable, their previous ODP coach.
 - a. This letter must include the coach's opinion on the player's
COACHABILITY, ATTITUDE AND GENERAL PLAYING ABILITY.
7. Scholastic effort including gpa, attendance, and extracurricular activities.
8. An application can be submitted each year a participant is eligible. A new, updated application must be submitted. The participant's fulfillment of volunteer requirements, participation, and dedication during previous seasons will be considered.

No applicant will be disqualified because of gender, race, color, creed, or religious beliefs.

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