

## Lake Jackson Soccer Club Scholarship Information

### General Information

The Lake Jackson Soccer Club (LJSC) is pleased to offer a scholarship program for soccer athletes in need of financial assistance in order to play. The goal of the LJSC Scholarship Program is to make the soccer experience available to all qualified soccer players who have the desire and commitment, but who may not otherwise be able to afford the experience. Qualification takes into consideration financial needs as well as other factors that may influence a player's ability to play with LJSC. However, since the financial resources of the LJSC Scholarship Fund are limited, the availability and amount of scholarships is also limited to true financial hardship situations. Scholarships are not always available and vary season to season due to the availability of funds. Each scholarship request will be considered on per season basis. To fairly distribute available funds an in-depth application is required with supporting documentation. Accounts may vary due to individual circumstances and need.

### Responsibility

Players receiving scholarships and their families are required to exert a maximum effort to do volunteer work for team and/or LJSC functions as requested. Failure to do so may result in a review of the scholarship granted. Parents/Guardians of scholarship players will be expected to participate in possible LJSC and team fundraisers.

### Deadlines

All applications must be received one week prior the Registration deadline date for Fall and/or Spring seasons. Late applications will be considered only if funds are available. All applications will be reviewed as they are received. Applicants who submit complete, signed applications with all attachments will be notified in writing whether or not their request is approved by the Scholarship Committee.

### How to Apply for a Scholarship- Applicants must reapply for a scholarship each season

The application serves as the only official application for LJSC Scholarships. To be considered for a scholarship, athletes must complete each step described below.

**Step One** – Download & complete the LJSC Scholarship Application(s). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Please use separate application forms for each applicant.
- All applicants will need to submit documents outlined below to Lake Jackson Soccer Club.

**Step Two** – Prepare all supporting documents as noted below. Applications will not be considered without this information.

- Copy of your previous year tax return (1040 pg 1 & 2 and schedule C if appropriate).  
PLEASE BLACK OUT ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS BEFORE SUBMITTING PAGES OF TAX RETURN.
- Additional written factors you wish to be considered.

*Note 1:* Although Families are encouraged to use actual tax information when completing the Application, if necessary, estimated figures may be used. Scholarship awards based upon estimated financial information may be subject to revision upon receipt and review of actual financial information.

*Note 2:* Applicants applying for a second or third season in the Scholarship Program are required to submit updated copies of federal tax and W-2 forms.

**Step Three** - Mail to:

Lake Jackson Soccer Club  
PO Box 715  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

## **Scholarship Approval**

Before a scholarship will be awarded, the parents or guardians of the prospective scholarship recipient must complete the scholarship application. If the paperwork is not provided or the Scholarship Committee determines that there is insufficient basis for a scholarship based on need the scholarship will be denied. These decisions will be made on a case by case basis. All scholarship requests must be approved by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee of LJSC will review all Scholarship Applications. The Scholarship Committee will then make a recommendation on each scholarship request to the remainder of the LJSC Board for approval. The parent will receive written notification of the Board's decision whether or not the scholarship is awarded.

## **Confidentiality**

All scholarship information is for the sole purpose of helping LJSC decide who the neediest individuals are for a particular season. These scholarship requests are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than LJSC Board Members and the LJSC Scholarship Committee.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

*What forms and documents do I need to submit to apply for the LJSC Scholarship Program?*

All players applying for the scholarship program are required to complete the official application form and submit signed copies of federal income tax returns (pages 1 & 2, including schedule C if appropriate), if you do not have a federal tax return a signed wage statement and/or other documentation may be listed in the application.

*What is the application deadline for the LJSC Scholarship Program?*

Families must submit their application no later than one week prior to the Registration dates Fall and Spring seasons. Late and incomplete applications may not be accepted.

*Do I need to reapply for a LJSC Scholarship each season?*

Yes. All players must apply for scholarships in each season of the program.

*What should we do if our federal tax returns will be delayed?*

Complete the official application by the deadline using estimated information. Submit a signed copy of your federal tax returns as soon as possible.

*When can I expect to hear about my LJSC Scholarship?*

You will be notified in writing generally within 15 business days of the submission deadline.

*What all does the scholarship cover?*

Scholarship amounts are for total or partial assistance of LJSC Registration Fees only. As of now, financial assistance is not available for other expenses included but not limited to: Equipment (shin guards, cleats, soccer ball, training aids, etc), Tournament Fees (Tournaments are optional in LJSC Recreation League), Travel Expenses (it is expected that you will have games in other Southern Brazoria County locations, such as Angleton, Brazoria, and Freeport).

## **Questions and More Information**

Should this overview not answer all of your questions, please use the contact information below:

Mike Walls

## **LJSC Scholarship Application Download:**

This scholarship assistance is available because of the conscientious efforts of the LJSC Board of Directors to manage its financial resources and by membership support of LJSC and its fundraising efforts. In return, we expect your player to fulfill his/her player commitment by participating fully in his/her team's practice sessions, games and/or tournament play. We expect your household to be supporters of your child and LJSC, and assist any way possible at the team and club level.