1.0 Purpose

Zionsville Youth Soccer Association (ZYSA) is committed to providing quality soccer opportunities to all age levels regardless of income. While ZYSA believes our fee structure to be competitive, the club also recognizes that for some, this fee structure may be prohibitive. ZYSA has established the ZYSA Rachael Fiege Memorial Scholarship (Scholarship) for those players where the fee structure cost prevents them from participating in ZYSA soccer and who have a demonstrated financial need. Although ZYSA does not wish to see any player lose an opportunity to participate because of cost, not all Scholarship applications can be approved.

2.0 Decision Making Body

The ZYSA Executive Committee is responsible for making Scholarship request decisions. All information collected by ZYSA for use in making a Scholarship decisions will remain confidential and will be destroyed at the conclusion of the Scholarship request process.

3.0 Scholarship Funding Source

As part of the annual budget process, ZYSA will establish the maximum level of ZYSA funds to be used to fund ZYSA Scholarships for the upcoming year.

4.0 Recreational (Rec) Division Scholarships

Scholarships shall be made available to registered players in the Rec division on a single season basis (i.e. Fall Season, Spring Season). If approved, the ZYSA Scholarship will cover the full, single season Rec registration cost.

5.0 Recreational Travel (Rec Travel) Division Scholarships

Scholarships shall be made available to registered players in the Rec+ division on a single season basis (i.e. Fall Season, Spring Season). If approved, the ZYSA Scholarship will cover the full, single season Rec+ registration cost.

6.0 Pathway/Academy/Travel Division Scholarships

Scholarships shall be made available to registered players in the Academy/Travel division on a full-year basis (i.e. Fall and Spring Seasons). If approved, the ZYSA Scholarship, based on demonstration of need and available Scholarship money, will cover 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% of the Academy/Travel registration fee.

7.0 Scholarship Application Requirements

The ZYSA Scholarship application must be submitted no later than:
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• 7 days following the close of tryouts for Academy/Travel players  
• August 1 for Fall Season Rec and Rec+ players  
• April 1 for Spring Season Rec and Rec+ players.

ZYSA will consider the submission date to be either the postmark date or the date on which the application was hand-delivered to the ZYSA Club Administrator or ZYSA Executive Director.

The application must be completed in its entirety, be signed by the player’s legal guardian, and must include proof of total income as it applies to family’s household. Acceptable documents for verification of income are:

• Current year or prior year’s Federal Tax Form 1040 return page 1.

8.0  Exclusions

• No scholarships will be provided for uniform costs  
• No scholarships will be provided for traveling expenses

9.0  Determination of Need

All completed Scholarship Request Forms submitted by the deadline date shall be reviewed, and will either be approved or denied, by the ZYSA Executive Committee. The ZYSA Executive Committee, at its discretion, will determine if a Scholarship is to be granted based on the resources available and the information provided by the applicants. The number of players receiving Scholarship grants and the amount of the Scholarship will vary depending upon the money available and the number of Scholarship requests. The financial needs of an applicant do not guarantee the granting of a Scholarship. Decisions are final and no appeal will be accepted.

10.0  Notice Regarding Scholarship Determination

ZYSA will provide applicants with notice regarding their applications whether approved or denied. Families that submit their completed applications by the deadline date shall be notified about the decision and the amount of the grant, if any, no later than 7 days following the application deadline.

After the applicant is notified by ZYSA of the application determination and when the Scholarship grant if for less than 100% of the Registration fee, the applicant must contact the ZYSA Executive Director by email informing the ZYSA whether the player will play or will not play for ZYSA.

11.0  Application of Scholarship Grant to ZYSA Registration Fee

All Scholarship grant amounts will be deducted from the ZYSA Registration Fee amount.

12.0  Other Requirements
All Travel player Scholarship recipients must complete their playing league’s (e.g. Indiana Soccer Foundation) scholarship form, if applicable, and provide the ZYSA Executive Director all necessary information to obtain a scholarship reimbursement from the applicable league within 7 days of accepting the ZYSA Scholarship grant.