



## General Information about the South Mississippi Soccer Club Scholarship Program

South Mississippi Soccer Club (“the Club”) believes that any player with the ability and interest to play competitive soccer should be able to play regardless of their financial situation. The Club has an ongoing scholarship program combined with many fundraising opportunities to enable players to defray much of their club fees.

Scholarship application forms are available online or from the Team Manager or the club Executive Director.

Scholarships are generally granted to individuals based on a demonstrated financial need, the commitment to participate in club, team and individual fundraising activities, and volunteer history. Each application is specifically reviewed and discussed by the Scholarship Committee. The amount of scholarship awarded is decided on a case-by-case basis. In the past, most of the scholarships have been granted to players that would not have otherwise been able to pay all of their club fees for fall and/or spring seasons.

The South Mississippi Soccer Club Scholarship Program is conducted in accordance with applicable NCAA Rules.

The Scholarship Committee consists of the SMSC Treasurer and at least one other Board member. All scholarship requests are confidential. Only the Scholarship Committee members and the Executive of the Board of Directors will have knowledge of those awarded scholarships.

A completed scholarship request form should be mailed to:

SMSC Scholarships  
Attn: John Charman  
PO Box 6035  
Gulfport, MS 39506

This form may be used for both Recreation and Select program applications.

Upon approval of the scholarship by the committee and ratification by the Executive of the Board of Directors, the SMSC Club Bookkeeper will process the scholarship by notifying the player’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of the amount of which will be credited to the player’s Club account. If a scholarship request is denied, then a member of the Scholarship Committee will contact the player’s parent(s) or guardian(s) in a timely manner to inform for the reason for denying the request. The Scholarship Committee will send a follow up email to confirm the reason for denying a scholarship and a copy of the letter will be kept in the Scholarship Committee files for future reference. Please contact the SMSC Executive Director if you have questions about the SMSC Scholarship Program.

**NOTE:** SMSC Select Scholarships are only available to cover coaching fees. Scholarship application may not be made to cover club registration costs or any additional incurred expense such as travel or equipment. REC scholarship awards may cover all or a portion of REC registration costs only.

**Scholarship Applications are due July 15 2018 for SELECT and September 1, 2018 for REC ; Applications received after this date will be considered after November 15, 2016. Applications will not be accepted after November 15, 2016.**

**REC applications will be received and reviewed until September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**



## SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**PURPOSE:** To assist in providing financial aid or assistance to SMSC players who would not otherwise be able to play Recreational or Competitive soccer.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, a player/family must:

1. Be selected and registered as an SMSC player;
2. Be willing to discuss personal financial matters with a member of the Scholarship Committee;
3. Agree to participate in future club and team fundraisers;
4. Be willing to make monthly payments to pay remaining soccer expenses if it is decided this is the best way to coordinate with scholarship monies provided;
5. Be willing to provide volunteer hours specified by the Scholarship Committee to SMSC. Volunteer hours will be recorded and reviewed during the scholarship process going forward.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1/Guardian1 Employer AND Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2/Guardian 2 Employer AND Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying as a single income household? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, are you responsible for the player's entire fee? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what percentage of the total amount will you be responsible for? \_\_\_\_\_%

Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children playing soccer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children playing for SMSC: \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Application form
2. A separate letter stating the reason(s) scholarship assistance is needed
3. SMSC Volunteer Form
  - a. Please list the events or tasks parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or player(s) will participate in. This form **MUST** be completed in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

If my child decides to leave the team for another club, I understand that I will be responsible to pay all the scholarship fees awarded back to SMSC before my child will be allowed to transfer. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided above is accurate and truthful.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

South Mississippi Soccer Club PO Box 6035 Gulfport, MS 39506





**SMSC VOLUNTEER FORM  
2018 - 2019**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENTS**

To include field marshalling, parking assistance, event & facility management

- Deep South Challenge (Sept)
- Turkey Day Shootout (Nov)
- Great Day of Soccer (Jan or Feb)
- Mardi Gras on the Coast (Feb)
- REC Championships (March)
- USYS S District (April)
- Player's Cup (May)
- U13-18 Select Showcase (May)

**OTHER**

- Various Club fundraisers
- Team positions – Manager, Treasurer, Travel Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator
- Tryout volunteer

Please list events / positions for which you would be willing to volunteer:

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