



## Scholarship Policy and Application

Bloomington Traveling Baseball Association (BTBA) seeks to provide an opportunity for kids to play traveling baseball. This policy and procedure establishes a program which may provide financial assistance in the form of a need-based scholarship up to 100% of the player Registration Fee for the summer season.

### Qualifying Criteria

- Qualify for school “Free or Reduced Meal Program” or demonstrate a financial hardship.
- Players living in or attending school in ISD 271 (“Bloomington Players”) will receive priority consideration.
- Non-Bloomington Players will be considered after Bloomington Player applicants and to the extent funds budgeted for scholarships remain available.
- Applicant is current on any and all charges.
- Applicant has met all prior year volunteer obligations.
- Applicant prior payment history is taken into consideration for approval.
- BTBA generally does not provide scholarships as a family discount for multiple players unless need is determined based on income.

### Recipient Obligations

- Scholarship recipients will receive credit of 100% Registration Fee.
- Recipient will be responsible for BTBA Membership Fee, to be paid as follows:
  - 50% of BTBA Membership fee due at registration
  - 50% of BTBA Membership fee due on or before January 1
- All payments must be current for the player to participate in try-outs.
- Volunteer DIBS deposit must be received prior to first practice.
- In the event of a missed payment, or missing volunteer deposit, after try-outs and team placement, the player will be allowed to attend practice but will not be allowed to participate in league games or tournament play until payment is received and may be subject to loss of their roster position.

### Application Procedure

- BTBA cannot guarantee, but will use reasonable care to keep the information provided confidential, to be reviewed by only BTBA’s President and Treasurer.
- All information requested in the Scholarship Application must be submitted with proof of enrollment in free/reduced lunch program, or proof of income, or explanation of recent hardship, i.e. loss of job, major illness/injury etc., and the completed registration form for each player applying for financial assistance.

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- Failure to provide complete information may result in denial of the application.
- All information provided must be true and accurate. Providing false information may result in immediate cancellation of any financial assistance and suspension from BTBA for all participating members of the applicants' family for the balance of the season.
- Applications are for a designated registration period and must be resubmitted for any subsequent requests.
- The number and amount of scholarship assistance is limited by the BTBA budget funds available.
- Scholarships are awarded on a first come / first served basis subject to the outlined Qualification Criteria.
- All forms plus payment of fees above and beyond the financial assistance provided must be paid in full on the registration deadline.
- Late or incomplete submissions may result in a participant not being placed on a team if team positions are filled prior to complete submission.

### Bloomington Travelling Baseball Association Scholarship Application

Scholarship Application Parents Name:
Player Name(s):
Address:
Parent Email(s):
Parent Phone Number(s):
Number of people living in your household:    Adults                      Children
Other children playing BTBA:

This form must be accompanied by proof of: (Option 1) Explanation of financial hardship; or (Option 2) Enrollment in the free/reduced lunch program at your school; or (Option 3) Proof of income.

#### **Option 1**

If this request is due to a short-term financial hardship, please provide an explanation of the hardship or recent income change in the area provided below, or attach to this form and skip to the Terms of Acknowledgement on the last page.

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### Option 2

If you qualify for the free or reduced lunch program and provide an award letter from the school or school district office as proof, complete this section and you can skip to the Terms of Acknowledgement on the last page.

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| 1. My child receives reduced school lunches.   | Yes | No |
| 2. My child receives free school lunches.  | Yes | No |
| 3. My child receives financial assistance/waivers for other school-related programs. | Yes | No |

Player/Participant First & Last name	School Attending	Date of Birth	Grade	Amount <i>(BTBA use only)</i>

### Option 3

Complete this step only if Option 1 does not apply and you cannot provide the award letter per Option 2.

Summarize your household income.

Type of Income Examples: Employer, Self-Employed, Social Security, Alimony, Food assistance (WIC, SNAP, etc.)	Monthly Earnings Before Deductions	Proof Provided (paystub, W2, tax return)

### Terms of Acknowledgement

If payment as agreed is not received by the registration deadline, there is no guarantee that we can hold a place on a team for a participant.

Non-payment of fees above and beyond the BTBA scholarship in the amount and on the date agreed may result in player/family ineligibility until payment is received or the balance of the season.

I certify that I have read and understand the information on this form, and that the information submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize BTBA to have access to any records, public or private, including employer, which will substantiate, verify, or refute the information contained in this application. I agree any deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable laws.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

Email or mail to: [Treasurer@BTBA.org](mailto:Treasurer@BTBA.org) | BTBA Treasurer, PO Box 385013, Bloomington, MN 55438