



# ***Mequon Soccer Club***

## ***Scholarship Program***

### **Overview**

Mequon Soccer Club (MSC) seeks to ensure that qualified athletes may participate in competitive soccer programs regardless of financial constraints. Accordingly, MSC has created an Opportunity Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the MSC Scholarship Committee (a committee of the MSC Board of Directors) with final approval of the MSC Board of Directors.

The MSC Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, determines scholarship eligibility. MSC may refuse assistance to any applicant, or may offer less assistance than expected by the applicant. Assistance is only available to offset Program fees, and no cash will be disbursed to any applicant. MSC will grant scholarships based primarily on financial need, but the Club also considers other factors such as the player's and family's commitment to MSC by attending all team events and functions. If a player does not show the appropriate commitment as determined at MSC's discretion then the club reserves the right to rescind the player's scholarship at any time. MSC considers applications in the order in which they are deemed complete. Because MSC only allocates a specific amount of funds for scholarships, applicants should apply as soon as possible.

Applicants must

1. Submit a completed Application for Scholarship.
2. Provide proof of family annual income from all sources.
3. Pay a fee of \$200 for each player applying for scholarship assistance. This fee will be credited to the player's share of fees.

Scholarships cover a percentage of the Program fee. Scholarships **do not** cover uniform, team fees, travel or tournaments which are allocated to each player and payable to the team manager/treasurer. If these player fees are not paid by set deadlines player is subject to suspension and at risk for losing scholarship at the discretion of the club administration, see attached financial commitment document for more details.

The Opportunity Fund is funded by donations received from MSC member families, corporate sponsors, and private donors. As such, the amount of money available is not fixed, and there may not be enough money available to fund all, if any, requests. All scholarship recipients' families are expected to be active MSC participants, and volunteer their time to help with club events such as the Mequon Cup and assisting MSC in activities such as team management, field lining, field maintenance, etc.

## **Deadlines**

For the 2013-2014 season, all applications must be received **by July 15, 2013**. **Applications received after the deadline may be subject to rejection. All Scholarship award decisions will be made by July 30, 2013.**

## **How to Apply for a Mequon Soccer Club Scholarship**

The application serves as the only official application for Scholarship consideration. To be considered for a scholarship, players must complete and file this form each year by the established deadline.

Step One: Complete the MSC Scholarship Application Form.

Step Two: Submit the **\$200 application fee with completed Application Form.**

Step Three: Prepare all required supporting documentation as noted below and attach to Scholarship Application Form:

1. Signed copies of 2012 year Federal Tax Return (including all schedules). Please white-out or otherwise remove any Social Security numbers on the documents.
2. Records of any untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, welfare benefits for yourself, and your parents; etc.

If you have not yet filed a 2012 income tax return, you can still submit your application but you must provide income and tax information (from W-2 forms).

All information submitted to our office is confidential and is used for the sole purpose of determining a parent's ability to assist with the funding of the player's participation in MSC.

Failure to submit the required information could jeopardize MSC ability to provide the fullest consideration for a scholarship. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for a MSC Soccer Scholarship Award, the player must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a full-time MSC Player that is listed on a MSC or Fusion team roster.
2. Pay all appropriate training fees and team fees that are not covered by the scholarship on time as outlined in the payment plan. (See attached Financial Commitment document.)
3. Returning players must be in good standing with regard to finance, commitment, conduct, and discipline. You can find our written policies on Conduct and other matters on the Mequon Soccer Club website on the Club Organization and Policies page.

Scholarship recipients also must meet MSC minimum team participation requirements in order to retain assistance. Requirements include attendance at all team events such as training, games and tournaments.