



Tualatin Hills United Soccer Club  
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## **The Emma Egan Select Merit Scholarship Award**

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Emma Egan, a bright star on and off the field, displayed, commitment, passion and was an example for all her teammates. Her speed and ability to sprint were astonishing and rewarding her the nickname "freight train". She understood the game and would always play the unselfish pass to make the team successful. When she would be in motion, she would be unstoppable. As a defender, she was hard to beat, as a forward she would take on defenders all the way to goal. And this amazing ability to play anywhere on the field was combined to her amazing ability to send very, very long throw-ins, a skill she developed over the years, working diligently with her Father Jeff any opportunity they would have. She was a ray of sunshine to her teammates and coaches, always humble, caring and attentive to any of her teammates. She was a hard critic of herself and that was one of her many qualities and strength. Beyond being an exceptional player she was a wonderful teammate, friend and daughter. We learned from her as much as she learned from everyone on the team. Rapids were fortunate to share many wonderful privilege moments, river rafting, zoo training, team socials and of course the many team achievements, including winning many division titles, tournaments and cups. She was enthusiastic, lively and a joy to everyone who had the chance to know her.

### **The Award**

- The intent of this award is to enable players who love the game and the team they are part of, to continue expanding on that experience without financial strain.
- The awards will consist of a full scholarship for one season of Select to be used towards Club registration fees. A total of two awards will be given each year at the discretion of the Board. One will be awarded in the select girls (ages U11 -HS) , and one will be awarded in the select boys (ages U11-HS) . If it is deemed by the committee that there are no qualified applicants, the Board may exercise its right not to award a scholarship in that age/gender category, or award a second scholarship, at their discretion, to a deserving recipient of the same age category, regardless of gender.
- The award is not renewable; in fact, recipients are not eligible to win back to back awards.
- All grants must be applied toward registration fees at THUSC, and are only payable to THUSC.
- All Club Select players are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

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- An equal number of scholarships will be available to both the boy's and girl's sides of the Club membership up to two. (Up to one for the boy's side, and one for the girl's side.)
- Awards are not transferable to other Clubs, and do not follow players if they should choose to depart from THUSC. If a player chooses to leave the Club after receiving a scholarship award, the scholarship will be considered forfeited, and 100% of fees will be required in order to release the player's card. Scholarship monies will not be applied to this total.
- Awards are at no time considered the "property" of the recipient, but instead, a means to reduce the financial obligation to the Club.

#### **Criteria to receive scholarship**

An applicant must be:

- An active member of THUSC, having been offered and accepted an invitation to be on a Select THUSC team roster.
- Active in the local soccer community.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or have displayed equivalent academic success).
- Not serving any player, academic, or legal suspension (no criminal record).
- In good financial standing with the Club and their team. All club and team accounts must be paid or in not in arrears. Good financial standing is expected throughout the award period or the scholarship can be revoked.

#### **To Apply**

The following must be submitted to THUSC:

- An academic transcript, letter from the school (on letterhead), or last three report cards showing necessary academic qualification.
- An essay written by the applicant (player) describing how the applicant exemplifies the qualities Emma Egan brought to THUSC as a player and teammate. Essays will be evaluated keeping the age of the player in mind.
  - Love and passion for the game.
  - Commitment to the team and teammates.
  - Pursuance of soccer ideals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, and self-discipline in both a short term and long term manner.
  - Competitive spirit , Involvement in soccer community
  - Quality of character.

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- All application materials must be submitted electronically to [justin@thusc.org](mailto:justin@thusc.org) by the date due in ONE document. Please do not send multiple, separate documents, as materials can be easily misplaced in that format.

#### **Decision Team**

- Each year, the Emma Egan SMS chair will appoint a three person review committee.
- The committee will review all applications and may choose to interview top candidates to present as final recommendations to be approved and selected by the Board. All Board decisions are final, with no appeal process.
- Applications are due approximately 30 days after the last day of formal tryouts. Dates vary based on tryout completion, but will be noted specifically at the end of this document for each year. Scholarship applications are not available for supplemental tryouts due to the late timing in the registration process.
- Applicants who fail to receive the award can reapply the following year.
- Any player who is a family member to a Board member may still apply, but the Board member will not be part of the selection process. In that occurrence, alternative committee members will be appointed by the Club President. Family members of applicants will not be allowed to serve on the selection committee; community members from outside the Club may also serve as committee members if it is deemed appropriate by the Emma Egan SMS chair.

\*\*\*Submit to [justin@thusc.org](mailto:justin@thusc.org) by June 30th, 2019 for ALL players, U11 and older. (For consideration for the 2019-2020 award, dates will change each year)

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