



Tualatin Hills United Soccer Club
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The Troy Brown Merit Scholarship

Troy Brown was a man with a lot of passion: passion for his family, passion for life, and a great passion for soccer. Tualatin Hills United Soccer Club was fortunate to have Troy as a coach for seven years during which time he received the prestigious THUSC Service Award in 2008, but that was just a small portion of his interest in the sport. He played ten years of Division 1 and premier level soccer in Vancouver, BC, and served as team captain for the British Columbia Institute of Technology. Troy enjoyed all levels of soccer, coaching youth teams for seven years in Canada and Portland, as well as playing with several staff coaches and THUSC Board members on various indoor soccer teams and for International Portland Select IPS.

A lifelong exercise enthusiast and devout non-smoker, the irony of his lung cancer diagnosis in the late spring of 2009 was not lost on anyone who knew him. His battle against the disease touched the THUSC community in ways we couldn't have imagined. Teams from both the boy's and girl's side of the Club came together to assist Troy and his family in any way possible during that difficult time. In true Troy form, he fought the cancer hard, and with the same determination and optimism with which he faced any challenge. He was a celebrated coach and mentor, coaching various teams from U10 through high school, leading one team, Mercury (U13 girls at that time), to become State Champs.

Troy's dedication to soccer, and his desire to see all players be able to become their very best, has inspired us to create the Troy Brown Merit Scholarship. This scholarship is not awarded based on financial need, but as a tribute to Troy's belief in hard work, dedication, strong character, and community excellence.

Troy passing in July of 2010 left behind his wife, Kristin, his son Ryan, and his daughters Carmen and Jenny... in addition to his legacy of passion.

The Award

- The intent of these awards is to enable players to achieve higher levels of excellence in soccer without financial strain.
- The awards will consist of 50% of Club registration fees. A total of four awards will be given each year at the discretion of the Board. Two will be awarded in the U14 and under age group (8th grade or below), and two will be awarded in the high school age group (U15 and higher, or 9th grade and higher). Each category will have a male and a female recipient. 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.



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- 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 players are eligible to apply for the scholarships.
- 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 two for the boy's side, and two 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 THUSC team roster, OR
- An active Crossfire United ECNL player who has served on a THUSC roster for at least one year prior to accepting an ECNL roster position. (The TBMS is not available to members of other clubs.)
- 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.
- At least two letters of reference, one being from a previous coach or group leader (of any sport or club).
- An essay describing how the applicant exemplifies the qualities Troy Brown brought to THUSC.
 - Love and passion for the game.



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- Commitment to team.
- Dedication to excellence on the field.
- 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.
- All application materials must be submitted electronically to TBMS@thusc.org and copied to Justin@thusc.org by the date due in ONE document (including letters of recommendation). Please do not send multiple, separate documents, as materials can be easily misplaced in that format.

Decision Team

- Each year, the TBMS 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 TBMS chair.

***Submit to TBMS@thusc.org AND copied to justin@thusc.org by June 30th, 2019 for ALL players, U10 and older. (For consideration for the 2019-20 award, dates will change each year)