

Clarksville Soccer Club Family,

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 soccer season, the club is now accepting scholarship applications for families in need of financial assistance. Last season, the Clarksville Soccer Club awarded 79 scholarships at a total value of over \$50,000. Both totals are new highs for the club in providing aid to players who otherwise would not have the resources to play competitive soccer.

The club understands we are at an unprecedented level of uncertainty as a community and as a nation. We are still following the guidance of our governing body, the Tennessee State Soccer Association, elected leaders, and health officials. As our club continues to grow, we expect a similar number of scholarship requests for the upcoming season. While our schedule for tryouts and registration is still to be published, we are confident that any player who desires to continue their careers with the club next season, will be on a roster. This is why we are asking returning families to submit their scholarship requests now. The club wants to ensure families can register their kids for their teams and order uniforms as quickly as possible. But in order to do that, the scholarship committee needs the time to review all applications, make recommendations, and allow the Board of Directors the opportunity to vote on those recommendations.

This year's application is slightly different and we ask parents to read through the entire form prior to filling the application out and submitting. Please include the household(s) 2019 tax returns (or 2018 tax returns if the 2019 returns have not been filed yet) with the application submission. Failing to fill out the form completely and accurately can delay approval or can lead to a cancellation of a scholarship, even after the scholarship is awarded. We understand that families may have encountered financial hardship due to COVID-19 and the effect the virus has had on the economy. We also understand these hardships may not be reflected in their tax returns. So we ask that any additional and supporting documentation reflecting the recent financial impact be provided along with the tax forms.

As a reminder, scholarships are awarded based on financial need. These are not athletic scholarships. The goal of the Clarksville Soccer Club is to provide all players an opportunity to train, develop, and play competitive soccer. Our scholarship program is the cornerstone of that opportunity.

Please email all completed scholarship applications and supporting documents to cscscholarshipfund@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Brian DeSantis
Chairman
Clarksville Soccer Club Scholarship Committee

