



Southeast Valley PONY Baseball  
2014 Scholarship Application

Southeast Valley Pony Baseball organization (SVPB) provides scholarships for reduced registration fees and/or an equipment voucher to help eligible youths participate in the sports programs offered by SVPB. This scholarship program provides assistance to youths from low income families who are not currently being served by existing scholarship or fee waiver programs.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for a scholarship, a child must:

<p><b>Qualify for or must be currently receiving assistance from one or more of the following programs listed below:</b></p>		<p><b>Meet each of the criteria below:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free or Reduced School Lunch</li> <li>• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</li> <li>• Foster Care</li> <li>• Medicaid/Social Security Income</li> <li>• Food Stamps</li> <li>• OR be sponsored by a teacher or school administrator that can verify need and satisfactory academic performance</li> </ul>	<p><b>AND</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live in the town of Queen Creek, the San Tan Valley Area, or attend school at a neighboring school district.</li> <li>• Be enrolled in school (kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)</li> <li>• Commit to attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled practices and games</li> <li>• Not be currently served by existing scholarships or fee waiver program</li> </ul>

**To Apply**

1. Parents should complete the application and submit it either in person to a current SVPB Board Member or via email to [forms@svponybaseball.org](mailto:forms@svponybaseball.org) by the following deadlines:
  - a. Spring Baseball Seasons: January 29th
  - b. Fall Baseball Seasons: July 31st
2. Application should be completed in full to be considered for scholarship or equipment voucher.
  - Ensure that the application has been signed by a parent.
  - Attach official documents/proof signifying the child is receiving aid.

*\*\*If such documents are not available, a school administrator, social worker, or case worker must sign the form to verify eligibility*

3. Eligible applicants will be reviewed by the board and a decision will be confirmed no later than one month after the application deadline. Applicants will be contacted with registration information on scholarship/equipment awards granted (if applicable) via the contact information provided in the application.



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### Financial Assistance Policy - General Information

1. Reduction of fees is limited to Residents and students served by our PONY baseball service area. Funding is extremely limited; therefore, reduced rates are awarded on a first come first served basis. Scholarships are also subject to space availability for each sport's age groups. In order to provide a fair distribution of scholarship funds offered, some children in a family may not be granted a scholarship even if others are.
2. By signing this scholarship application form, your signature signifies that you are in agreement that the required payment will be made at the reduced amount for the program or a request of refund will be submitted in writing before the baseball season program begins.
3. Completed registration for the appropriate season is required prior to final awarding of the scholarship.
4. All required information lines of the Scholarship application must be filled in completely and accurately for consideration.
5. Reduced rate is reviewed each sports season and may change each sports season.
6. Baseball season programs **MUST BE PAID IN FULL** at the reduced rate before the start date of the program. Unpaid balances will result in the participant not being allowed to attend the baseball program and scholarship will be forfeited.
7. Participant must meet the minimum participation guidelines noted above or risk eligibility for future programs.

### Available Assistance Options

**Fee Waiver:** The participant will have a majority of the registration fee for the selected sport waived. The participant will typically pay 50% of the regular registration fee for the sport.

**Equipment Voucher:** The participant will receive a voucher that may be turned in to the applicable Division Coach and redeemed for basic equipment required by the sport.

Basic equipment is defined as follows:

**Baseball/Softball:** Glove, one practice ball, baseball cleats.

**Citizenship and League support:** All families receiving scholarships are required to complete volunteer hours to support the efforts of the league. Volunteer commitments begin at 2 hours per week for the duration of the season for which they submit a scholarship application. Volunteer opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Concessions stand customer service
- Concessions stocking and inventory services
- Field Preparations
- League Event support and staffing



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### YOUTH SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Parents: Complete this form and submit it to any member of the SVPB board of directors as named on our website. Submit one application per child, per season.

Player's Name:		Parent/Guardian Name:	
Player's Date of Birth:		Address:	
Preferred Contact #:		Email Address	
Player Gender:	School:	Grade:	

For which season is your child registered to play? Please mark one choice.

Spring

Fall

Which type of assistance are you requesting?

Registration Fee Waiver

Equipment Voucher

**CONSENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION** I understand that information may be needed to verify eligibility for this program and to coordinate services with other agencies; therefore, I agree that agencies may share my child's information. I certify that the information supplied is true and correct and that SVPB staff has my permission to verify the information on this application. I understand that my child's participation in this program requires the participant's commitment to attend a minimum of 50% of the scheduled practices and games, in addition, to complete volunteer hours to support the efforts of the league.

**REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER or EQUIPMENT VOUCHER** My child is currently enrolled in a public assistance program such as Free or Reduced Lunch, ADC, Foster Care, or Medicaid or need is based on recent change in financial situation and can be verified by a teacher or school administrator. I request a fee waiver or equipment voucher for the SVPB Scholarship Program and give my permission for the Department of Family Services or School employee to release information verifying my eligibility. I understand that I must submit proof that I am receiving services.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A non-returnable copy of official documentation signifying that the child is receiving or in need of aid must be attached. If documentation is not available, the following section must be completed and signed by a teacher, school counselor or administrator, case worker, or other official.

I verify this applicant meets the scholarship guidelines as specified above.

Name of Official Verifying Aid: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_