

Marple Newtown Soccer Association Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Description: The Marple Newtown Soccer Association (MNSA) Scholarship Program is designed to honor and remember players and coaches who have died by recognizing high school seniors who are planning to attend college (or other postsecondary educational institution) and who have demonstrated (1) the qualities of sportsmanship, leadership and character, (2) a commitment to academics, (3) a commitment to the sport of soccer, and (4) a commitment to the programs of MNSA. Three scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded, at least one to a girl and at least one to a boy.

Selection Process: Interested candidates are encouraged to fill out all application materials and select an academic teacher or soccer coach/administrator to complete the Teacher/Coach Evaluation form. Applications are available at www.mnsa.org. All materials must be postmarked no later than **May 15th** of the year of high school graduation.¹ A committee of the MNSA Board of Directors (the “MNSA Scholarship Committee”) will review applications and select three MNSA Scholarship Winners, at least one boy and at least one girl, each of whom will receive \$500. Winners will be chosen based on the criteria set forth above under “Scholarship Description.” All decisions made by MNSA are final. Chosen recipients will be notified directly and an announcement of the winners will be posted on the Club’s website and may be disseminated to local news media outlets.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be in his/her senior year of high school, with expected graduation in the spring.
2. Applicant must be entering an accredited college, university or other postsecondary educational institution in the fall following high school graduation.
3. Applicant must have participated in programs of the MNSA.
4. Members of the MNSA Board of Directors (past or present) and their immediate family members (defined as spouses, children, step-children, parents, siblings, in-laws) are not eligible.

To Apply: (Please note incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship)

1. Complete all sections of the application that are to be completed by the applicant – i.e., the Personal Information, Soccer Information and Activities & Honors sections of the application. Sign the application and, if you are under 18, have a parent sign it as well. **Note: if you need more space to complete any answer, please use the Additional Information Page (page 3 of the application, after the signature page).**
2. Have a coach or administrator from MNSA or a teacher or secondary school guidance counselor fill out the Coach/ Teacher Evaluation form² and **return it to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.**
3. Obtain a copy of (1) your high school transcript, showing you GPA and, if applicable, class rank, and (2) the acceptance letter from the institution you plan to attend next year.
4. Send all forms and information together, postmarked by **May 15th**.¹ to: MNSA Scholarship Committee PO Box 549 Broomall PA 19008.

MNSA Scholarship Application

(Please print or type. Please use the Additional Information Page if you need more space)

¹ The deadline for the submission of applications may be extended by the MNSA Scholarship Committee in its sole discretion. The Committee will use its best efforts to cause any such extension to be posted on the MNSA website as soon as practicable after any such decision to extend is made.

² The Teacher Evaluation form and Coach’s Evaluation form are attached, immediately following the Additional Information Page.

Section 1 – Personal Information:

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 _____ ZIP: _____

Gender (M/F): _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Email Address:

Names of Parents or Guardians:

Address (if different from permanent): _____

High School Name: _____

⁴ _____ Class Rank (if applicable): _____
 Expected Date of Graduation: _____

School Address:

Current GPA/Maximum GPA:

e.g., 3.25/4.00 i.e., ____ (your rank) out of ____ (class size) College or Institution You Plan to Attend:⁵

Anticipated Date of Enrollment: _____
 or part-time ____ student?⁶

Will you be a fulltime ____

Section 2 – Soccer Information:

A. Playing Career – Club Soccer: (See instructions below)

Year	Club & Team Name ⁷	Coaches' Names	Division	Your comments

Instructions: Please provide information, in chronological order, about all years during which you participated as a player in club soccer programs of MNSA or any other club. If additional space is needed, use the Additional Information Page (page 3, following the signature page of this application). For “Coaches’ Names,” please specify whether coach is head coach or assistant coach. For “Division,” identify the league (e.g., DELCO or PAGS) and the division your team played in. If you played intramural soccer write “Intramural”. Under “Your Comments,” write anything that you feel is significant – e.g., “Starting sweeper on team that allowed only one goal in league play and won division 2 championship.”

B. MNSA Involvement – Non-Playing: (e.g., coaching, training, refereeing, administrative work, involvement with MNSA clinics, etc.):

⁴ You will need to obtain a copy of your high school transcript and submit it with your application.

⁵ Please submit a copy of your college acceptance letter with your application.

⁶ If you checked the box for “part time,” please explain (on the Additional Information Page) what you will be doing with the remainder of your time.

⁷ E.g., MNSA – Chicago Fire (U13)

C. High School & Other Playing Career:

Year	High School (or name of organization)	Coaches' Names	Level	Your Comments

Instructions: Instructions for the table above are the same as for Playing Career –Club Soccer on previous page, with the following additions. In the table for High School & Other, include information about high school play, ODP, Select, etc. Under “Level,” write Varsity, JV or Freshman or other relevant information (such as ODP, etc.) If additional space is needed, please use the Additional Information Page that follows this page.

D. Plans for Soccer after High School (if any): (e.g., collegiate soccer, club soccer, coaching, refereeing, etc.):

Section 3 – Activities & Honors (Please list any significant honors, accomplishments, extracurricular, athletic (other than soccer) or community activities, work experience and extenuating family responsibilities during the last four years.) If additional space is needed, please use the Additional Information Page that follows this page.

All applicants must sign below to be considered for the scholarship.

(If you are under 18, you parent or guardian also must sign below)

I have read the eligibility requirements for the MNSA Scholarship and I acknowledge that I fit all the stated requirements. I agree that the information included in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family (as defined above) is a member of the Board of Directors of the MNSA. I authorize MNSA to release this information to its Scholarship Committee and other third parties for the purpose of scholarship consideration. I further give permission for MNSA to release information about myself and the scholarship if I am awarded a scholarship based on this application.

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 18): _____

MNSA Scholarship - Additional Information Page

A table for additional responses to the Club Soccer section is set forth below, but you may use this page to complete any response with respect to which you did not have enough space.

Playing Career – Club Soccer:

Year	Club & Team Name	Coaches' Names	Division	Your comments

Other Matters (Please specify which question your response relates to):

Your Name	GPA	Max GPA for your school	HS Soccer Yrs (player)	Club Soc Yrs not >8	Ref, coach, etc. not >4	Awards, recog not >2

MNSA Scholarship – Teacher/ Coach Evaluation Form

To the Teacher: Please complete the following form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope. **To ensure confidentiality, we ask that you sign your name across the seal before returning it.** We are extremely grateful for your assistance and thank you for your time. Any questions can be emailed to: president@mnsaonline.org.

Name of Applicant: _____ Applicant's Current GPA: _____

Submitting Teacher/Coach: _____ Position: _____

Name of Secondary School: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher/Coach Phone: _____ -email: _____

What is the highest GPA that a student at your school could attain – e.g., 4.00 (or higher)? _____

Background Information:

1. How long have you known this student and in what context?

2. Please list the courses you have taught this student, noting for each the student's year in school (9, 10, 11, 12) and the level of difficulty (e.g., AP, honors, elective, etc.) or describe the applicants abilities as a soccer player.

3. What are the first words that come to your mind to describe this student?

4. **Teacher Evaluation:** What do you feel is most important about this student? How would you describe his/her academic and personal characteristics – in particular, his/her motivation, intellectual promise, integrity, selfconfidence, leadership capabilities, disciplined work habits, initiative, respect from faculty and other students, and reaction to setbacks? Please call attention to any outstanding accomplishments, unusual circumstances or background data that will help us differentiate this candidate from others. If more space is needed, you may use the back of this sheet or a separate piece of paper. Please print (or type).

5. **Coach Evaluation:** What do you feel is most important about this applicant? How would you describe his/her sportsmanship, leadership capabilities and character? Include in your discussion, to the extent you feel it is appropriate, a discussion of his/her "coachability", respect from coaches and other players, reaction

to setbacks, dedication, commitment, motivation, discipline and initiative. Please call attention to any outstanding accomplishments, unusual circumstances or background data that will help us differentiate this candidate from others. If more space is needed, you may use the back of this sheet or a separate piece of paper. Please print (or type).

Signature of Submitting Teacher/ Coach: _____

Date: _____